

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-1724-2020

Date of Decision:-23.01.2020.

Gram Panchayat Village Bhanri, Tehsil and District Patiala

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Mr. Anureet S. Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

SANJAY KUMAR, J. (Oral)

The grievance of the petitioner-Gram Panchayat of Village Bhanri, Tehsil and District Patiala, is that no action is being taken by the police authorities in relation to the complaint dated 11.12.2019 (Annexure P-2) lodged by the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Patiala, in the context of cutting down of trees in Shamilat land by certain persons named therein.

Once a complaint is lodged with the jurisdictional police as to the commission of any cognizable offence, it is not open to them to remain somnolent. Annexure P-2 demonstrates that the complaint was lodged by the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Patiala, with the Station House Officer, Police Station Passiana, District Patiala, the third respondent. The Station House Officer is therefore bound to take appropriate action upon the said complaint upon due verification.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of directing the Station House Officer, Police Station Passiana, District Patiala, the third respondent, to consider the complaint lodged, vide Annexure P-2, and take appropriate action thereon, as warranted, in accordance with the due procedure expeditiously.

No order as to costs.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

January 23, 2020.

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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:-

Yes / No.