

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-1785-2020

Date of Decision:-23.01.2020.

Amarjit Kaur

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR**

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Present: Mr. A.D.S. Jattana, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Avinit Avasthi, AAG, Punjab.

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**SANJAY KUMAR, J. (Oral)**

The petitioner is the Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat of Village Loharka Kalan, Block Verka-Rani Ke Bagh, District Amritsar. Her grievance in this writ petition is that the authorities are not permitting her to discharge her functions as per the statutory scheme of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 (hereinafter, 'the Act of 1994'), inasmuch as the Resolution dated 20.12.2019 passed by the Gram Panchayat, under her casting vote, has not evoked any response. According to the petitioner, the issue stands settled in her favour in the light of the order dated 30.08.2019 passed by this Court in **CWP-23614-2019**, titled **Amandeep Kaur Vs. State of Punjab and others.**

Perusal of the record reflects that the Gram Panchayat of Village Loharka Kalan passed a Resolution on 20.12.2019 and submitted the same to the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Verka, the fourth

petitioner that the said authority has not taken any steps pursuant to the said Resolution.

As the authorities concerned are yet to apply their mind to the Resolution passed by the Gram Panchayat and take appropriate action thereon in accordance with law, it would be premature for this Court to entertain this writ petition for adjudication on merits. At this stage, it would suffice if the authorities are directed to take appropriate action as per law upon the aforesaid Resolution passed by the Gram Panchayat under the leadership of the petitioner.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of directing the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Verka, the fourth respondent, to take appropriate action in accordance with the due procedure upon the Resolution dated 20.12.2019, forwarded to him by the petitioner on behalf of the Gram Panchayat of Village Loharka Kalan. The fourth respondent shall be mindful of the statutory provision, viz., Section 24 of the Act of 1994 as well as the law laid down by this Court in the aforesaid decision while dealing with the matter. This exercise shall be completed expeditiously and in any event, not later than four weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

No order as to costs.

**(SANJAY KUMAR)**  
**JUDGE**

**January 23, 2020.**

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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:-

Yes / No.