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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 4500 of 2020
Date of decision: 18.02.2020

Major Singh

.....Petitioner

V/s.

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Mr. Preetwinder Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Sanjay Kumar, J. (Oral)

The grievance of the petitioner is that the authorities are not taking appropriate action against the members of the Gram Panchayat, Village Sehajra, Tehsil and District Barnala, in relation to the irregularities allegedly committed in utilization of the grants sanctioned for developmental projects in the village.

It appears that the Sub-Divisional Officer, Panchayati Raj, Barnala, already submitted a report in this regard on 23.10.2019(Annexure P-4). The petitioner also seems to have communicated with the authorities in this regard and issued legal notice dated 22.02.2019(Annexure P-6). The complaint presently is that no effective action is being taken against the members of the Gram Panchayat despite the adverse report already submitted against them.

This Court does not propose to go into the merits of the allegations levelled against the members of the Gram Panchayat, who are arrayed as respondent Nos. 6 to 14 in this writ petition. In consequence, there is no necessity to put them on notice or afford them an opportunity of hearing. It is for the authorities concerned to apply their mind to the report already submitted and take appropriate action in the matter.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of directing the District Development and Panchayat Officer, Barnala, the fourth respondent herein, to consider the petitioner's legal notice as well as the report already submitted by the Sub-Divisional Officer, Panchayati Raj, Barnala, and take appropriate action in the matter, as warranted, in accordance with law and due procedure. This exercise shall be completed expeditiously and in any event, not later than six months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

No order as to costs.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

18.02.2020

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