

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CWP-9578-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision:13.07.2020**

Raj Kumar, Panch

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. Naveen S. Bhardwaj, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sanjay Mittal, learned Addl. Advocate General, Haryana

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA J.(Oral)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Challenge in the instant petition is to the order dated 20.05.2020 (Annexure P-3) passed by the Deputy Collector, Bhiwani and in terms of which the petitioner who was serving as a Panch, Gram Panchayat, Dhani Janga, District Bhiwani has been suspended.

It has gone uncontroverted that the petitioner would have a statutory remedy of appeal under Section 51 (5) of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act 1994 before the State Government/Appellate Authority.

Mr. Sanjay Mittal, learned Additional Advocate General, Haryana, apprises the Court that the Appellate Authority is presently conducting the proceedings via Video Conferencing on account of current Covid-19 situation.

In view of the above, this court is of the view that the legality of the order dated 20.05.2020 (Annexure P-3) need not be gone into on merits at

this stage.

Writ petition is disposed of with the observations that in case the petitioner avails of his statutory remedy of appeal within a period of one week from today, the Appellate Authority would take up the appeal and decide the same on merits expeditiously and in any case within a period of four weeks from the date of submission of the appeal.

Writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

July 13, 2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No