IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-10552-2020
Date of decision: 24.07.2020

Swaran Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

Special Secretary, Cooperation, Punjab, Mini Secretariat, Sector-9, Chandigarh and others

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Ms. Jagdeep Bains, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner-Swaran Singh, stated to be aged 65 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of directions to respondent No.1 to decide the revision petition dated 18.07.2016 (Annexure P-3), filed by respondent No.5. It is further prayed that respondent No.1 may also be directed to hear the matter through video conferencing as reflected in order dated 15.06.2020 (Annexure P-8), passed by the Additional Chief Secretary-cum-Financial Commissioner, Cooperation, Punjab, Chandigarh.

At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the private respondents had filed the revision petition as back as on 18.07.2016 (Annexure P-3). Learned counsel, by making reference to Para 22 of the petition, submits that in a similar writ petition i.e. CWP-8034-2020, this

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Court had passed the order that Financial Commissioner would be available in the office on 15.06.2020 and would take up the revision petition for hearing at 11.00 AM. The said revision was dismissed vide order dated 15.06.2020 (Annexure P-8), passed by the Additional Chief Secretary-cum-Financial Commissioner, Cooperation Punjab, Chandigarh. Learned counsel then makes reference to Para 23 of the petition, to submit that respondent No.5 is taking advantage of pendency of the petition and has begun raising construction on land of the petitioner thereby attempting to infringe upon rights of the petitioner. She submits that in case, revision petition is not allowed on an early date and respondent No.5 is allowed to take the advantage, in the the matter which stood settled in favour of the petitioner vide award dated 11.11.2014 (Annexure P-1), the petitioner would suffer irreparable loss.

Without commenting upon merits of the case, respondent No.1 is directed to decide the revision petition as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of three months, from the date of receipt of copy of the order.

Considering the present situation due to COVID-19, learned State counsel and Registry is directed to send the order through e-mail to the concerned authorities for necessary compliance.

Writ petition is disposed of accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No

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