

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

CWP No.12376 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 21.08.2020

Parminder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

Director Rural Development and Panchayat Vikas Bhawan,
SAS, Nagar, Mohali and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE H.S. MADAAN

Present: Mr. B.S. Bairagi, Advocate for the petitioner.

H.S. MADAAN, J. (Oral)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

The grouse of the petitioner as can be borne out from perusal of the writ petition is that without following procedure under Section 216 of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 (for short 'the Act') in terms of which only Block Development and Panchayat Officer can enquire into the matter, respondent No.3-Additional Deputy Commissioner (Dev.), SBS Nagar, had held enquiry and wrongly come to the conclusion that allegations against the present petitioner stood proved and an amount of Rs.2,21,521/- said to have been embezzled by the petitioner be got recovered from him.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sahil Sharma, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and has made a statement that the proper procedure would be followed in the matter as provided under Section 216 of the Act

for effecting recovery from the petitioner, if it is decided to be so done and the present petition is premature, since no action is intended to be taken on report dated 14.02.2020 (Annexure P-2) submitted by respondent No.3.

In view of the above statement made by learned State counsel, the writ petition is disposed of as having become infructuous.

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(H.S. MADAAN)
JUDGE

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