

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

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CWP-12633-2020

Date of Decision: 27.08.2020.

Avtar Singh

....Petitioner.

Versus

Financial Commissioner Rural Development and Panchayat
and others

....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present: Mr. R.S. Bains, Advocate for the petitioner.

Suvir Sehgal, J. (Oral)

The Court has been convened through video conferencing due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner was suspended from the post of Sarpanch, vide order dated 17.01.2020 (Annexure P1). He challenged the said order by filing an appeal dated 27.01.2020 (Annexure P28), under Section 20 (6) of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 before the appellate authority-respondent No.1. Along with the appeal, he filed an application for stay of the operation of the suspension order. The appeal was fixed for hearing on 06.02.2020 and then on 30.03.2020 when it was again adjourned to 30.04.2020 and is still pending without being adjudicated.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that he would be satisfied, in case a direction is issued to the concerned authority to decide his appeal in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 4 only, at this stage.

Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, AAG, Punjab, who is present through conference call accepts notice on their behalf. She has enquired and informed the Court that the Financial Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab-respondent No.1 is not holding regular Courts, though hearing in matters that involve urgency, is taking place through video conferencing.

Without going into the merits of the writ petition or the appeal filed by the petitioner before the appellate authority, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1 to hear and decide the appeal dated 27.01.2020 (Annexure P28) within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

It will be open to the appellate authority to conduct the hearing through video conferencing.

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No