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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.13034 of 2020
Date of decision: 03.09.2020

Raj Kaur

.....Petitioner(s)

V/s.

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Mr. Amandeep Singh Jattana, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Sanjay Kumar, J.

The petitioner is the Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat of Village Naraingarh, Block Tarsika, District Amritsar. Her grievance in this writ petition is that the authorities are not permitting her to discharge her functions as per the statutory scheme of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, (hereinafter, 'the Act of 1994'), inasmuch as the Resolution dated 11.11.2019 (Annexure P-3) passed by the Gram Panchayat, under her casting vote, has not been accepted and acted upon. According to the petitioner, the issue stands settled in her favour in the light of the order dated 30.08.2019 passed by this Court in ***CWP-23614-2019***, titled **'Amandeep Kaur Vs. State of Punjab and others'**.

Perusal of the material on record reflects that the Gram Panchayat of Village Naraingarh passed a Resolution on 11.11.2019 (Annexure P-3) and submitted the same to the Block Development and

Panchayat Officer, Block Tarsika, District Amritsar, the fourth respondent herein, for necessary action. However, it is the complaint of the petitioner that the said authority has not taken any steps pursuant thereto.

As the authorities concerned are yet to apply their mind to the Resolution passed by the Gram Panchayat and take appropriate action thereon in accordance with law, it would be premature for this Court to entertain this writ petition for adjudication on merits. At this stage, it would suffice if the authorities are directed to take appropriate action as per law upon the aforestated Resolution passed by the Gram Panchayat under the leadership of the petitioner.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of directing the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Tarsika, District Amritsar, the fourth respondent, to take appropriate action in accordance with the due procedure upon the Resolution dated 11.11.2019 (Annexure P-3) forwarded to him by the petitioner on behalf of the Gram Panchayat of Village Naraingarh. The fourth respondent shall be mindful of the statutory provision, *viz.*, Section 24 of the Act of 1994, as well as the law laid down by this Court in the aforestated decision while dealing with the matter. This exercise shall be completed expeditiously and in any event, not later than four weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

No order as to costs.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

03.09.2020

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