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

CWP-15134-2020

Date of Decision : 23.09.2020

Gram Panchayat Sujanpur Dihati District PathankotPetitioner

Versus

State of Punjab..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

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(Through video conferencing)

Present: Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Rehan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing respondents No. 1 and 2 to ensure fair and impartial enquiry into the allegations of embezzlement of ration items by respondent No.4 which is pending in the office of respondent No.3 in which license of fair price shop of respondent No.4 has also been suspended vide order dated 13.07.2020.

Contentends that an embezzlement which was allegedly committed by respondent No.4 was detected and in pursuance there of licence of the petitioner was suspended vide order dated 13.07.2020 (Annexure P1) following which an inquiry was marked to the Assistant Food Supplies Controller, Pathankot, which has still not been decided. He contends that certain officials of the office of respondent No.3 are conniving with the owner of the fair price shop (respondent No.4) as a result of which there is

sserious apprehension that a fair and impartial inquiry may not be conducted. It has further been contended that a representation dated 17.08.2020 (Annexure P3) was made to the District Food Supply Collector (respondent No.3) in the aforementioned context. However it has failed to evoke any positive response. The learned counsel submits that he would be satisfied if directions are issued to respondent No.2 to look into the representation dated 17.08.2020 (Annexure P3) and take appropriate steps in the said regard.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mrs. Anju Sharma Kaushik, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State.

In the circumstances, this petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 i.e. Director, Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Punjab, to look into the representation dated 17.08.2020 (Annexure P3) of the petitioner and take appropriate steps, if any, required in the matter, in accordance with law.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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Note: Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable:

Yes / No
Yes / No