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

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Date of decision: 04.11.2020

Satyaprakash

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Akash Vashisth, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Challenge in the present writ petition is to the orders passed by respondents No.2 to 4, whereby an amount of Rs.5,69,983/- was found to be recoverable from the petitioner on account of embezzlement of the Panchayat funds.

The petitioner, while working as a Sarpanch of village Jatusana, District Rewari, was found to have embezzled the Panchayat funds in an enquiry conducted by respondent No.3-Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Jatusana. Accordingly, vide order dated 07.03.2018 (Annexure P-1), an amount of Rs.5,69,983/- was found to be recoverable from the petitioner.

Aggrieved thereagainst, the petitioner filed an appeal before the Deputy Commissioner, Rewari. However, vide order dated 07.08.2019 (Annexure P-2), the said appeal was dismissed. Still aggrieved, the

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petitioner preferred a revision before the Principal Secretary, Govt. of Haryana, Development and Panchayats Department, which was also dismissed vide order dated 22.09.2020 (Annexure P-3).

Learned counsel for the petitioner could not point out any material illegality or irregularity in the impugned orders. The detailed reasons have been recorded in the orders impugned herein, to arrive at a conclusion that the petitioner had in fact embezzled the Panchayat funds.

The petitioner while working as Sarpanch, was required to conduct himself as a custodian of the Panchayat funds, but he rather involved himself in usurping the same. Therefore, no indulgence can be granted to the petitioner, especially when there is no justification forthcoming regarding the loss caused to the Panchayat.

In view of the above, I do not find any merit in the present petition.

Dismissed.

04.11.2020

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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?

Yes/No

Whether reportable?

Yes/No