

CWP-16930-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision : October 15, 2020

Damandeep Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

Director-cum-Special Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab and
others

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Tahaf Bains, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Monica Chibber Sharma, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

Prayer in this petition is for directing respondents No. 1 and 2 to hear and decide representation dated 04.09.2020 submitted by the petitioner against the conduct of respondent No. 4 – BDPO. Learned counsel submits that the said matter would have a direct bearing on the petitioner's position, in the proceedings against him under Section 20 of Punjab Panchayati Raj Act. It is submitted that the concerned official is deliberately not coming forward despite missives from the concerned authority. Learned counsel for the petitioner refers to communications attached as Annexures P11 to P13.

Learned counsel for the State on the last date of hearing was asked to seek instructions in this matter.

Ms. Chibber, today verifies that the concerned BDPO indeed did not come present to join the proceedings.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case as well as the limited prayer addressed but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to

decide the petitioner's representation dated 04.09.2020 in a time bound manner, preferably within four weeks from today.

October 15, 2020
rts

(Lisa Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No