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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.17178 of 2020
Date of decision: 15.10.2020

St. Francis Catholic Church

.....Petitioner(s)

V/s.

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Ms. Gursharan Kaur Maan, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Sanjay Kumar, J (Oral)

The petitioner-Church is aggrieved by the inaction on its application for correction in the khasra girdawari in relation to an extent of land admeasuring 28 kanals and 14 marlas in different khasra numbers of Village Lodhi Gujjar, Tehsil Ajnala, District Amritsar. The petitioner-Church submitted an application for entry of its name in the khasra girdawari, duly affixing the requisite court fee stamps thereon. Its grievance is that the authorities concerned did not take any action on the said application. This application was submitted on 10.06.2020.

It is not open to a statutory authority to receive an application of this nature and remain somnolent. Valuable property rights of the

applicant would be at stake and the authority concerned must necessarily act with promptitude upon receiving such an application in the prescribed format along with the requisite fee.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of directing the Naib Tehsildar-cum-Assistant Collector, Grade-II, Lopoke, District Amritsar, the second respondent, to consider the aforestated application dated 10.06.2020 filed by the petitioner-Church on its own merits and in accordance with law and take appropriate action thereon, as warranted. This exercise shall be completed expeditiously and, in any event, not later than one month from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

No order as to costs.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

15.10.2020

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