

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

CWP No. 2361 of 2018 (O&M)

Date of decision: 11.02.2020

Jaspal Singh

.....Petitioner

V/s.

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Mr. J. S. Thind, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Simran Grewal, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

Sanjay Kumar, J. (Oral)

CM-1905-CWP-2018

This application is ordered and the memo dated 21.03.2017 is taken on record as Annexure P/5.

Main writ petition

The petitioner was the Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat of Village Gazipur, Jalandhar West, at the time he instituted this writ petition.

His grievance was with regard to the communication dated 22.03.2017, whereby the Director, Village Development and Panchayats, Punjab, instructed various subordinate authorities to see that the funds which were issued for works which had not been started should not be utilized until further orders from the Government.

The case of the petitioner was that the Gram Panchayat had

already undertaken construction of a Sports Club and therefore, the release of funds in relation thereto ought not to be stopped.

The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Jalandhar filed a written statement on behalf of the authorities. Therein, he stated that a sum of ₹3,00,000/- had already been deposited in the account of the Gram Panchayat, prior to issuance of the election code and no specific instructions were issued to the petitioner to stop the work already started by the Gram Panchayat.

In the light of the aforestated stand taken by the authorities, it is clear that the petitioner's apprehensions with regard to stoppage of the work begun by the Gram Panchayat were completely without basis.

The writ petition is accordingly dismissed.

No order as to costs..

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

11.02.2020

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Yes/no

whether reportable/non reportable

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Yes/no