

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-34717-2019

Date of Decision:-16.01.2020.

Surinder Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Mr. Vishneet Singh Kathpal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Avinit Avasthi, AAG, Punjab.

SANJAY KUMAR, J. (Oral)

The petitioner claims to be a resident of Village Pakka Chisti, Tehsil and District Fazilka, and also a Panch in the Gram Panchayat of the said village. He made representations dated 15.06.2019 (Annexure P-2) and 05.08.2019 (Annexure P-3) to the authorities alleging that certain irregularities were being committed in relation to disbursement of MNREGA funds. These representations were addressed to the Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka, the third respondent, and the Joint Development Commissioner, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab, the second respondent.

The complaint of the petitioner is that no action is being taken upon his representations.

Given the nature of the controversy, this Court is of the opinion

that it would not be necessary to entertain this writ petition for consideration on merits. Once the authorities are sensitized about any illegality being committed in relation to public funds, they are bound to take appropriate action by inquiring into the matter. Having received the representations made by the petitioner, the second and third respondents cannot remain somnolent.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of directing the second and third respondents to look into the issues raised by the petitioner in his representations, Annexures P-2 and P-3, and take appropriate action, as warranted, in accordance with law and due procedure. This exercise shall be completed expeditiously and in any event, not later than four weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

No order as to costs.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

January 16, 2020.

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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:-

Yes / No.