

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-36125-2019

Date of Decision:-23.01.2020.

Jogindro Bai and another

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Mr. Ranbir Singh Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioner.

SANJAY KUMAR, J. (Oral)

The first petitioner was hitherto the Sarpanch of Village Ojhan Wali, Tehsil and District Fazilka. The second petitioner is her son. By way of this writ petition, they challenge the action of the authorities in initiating an inquiry through the Economic Offences Wing in relation to the alleged irregularities committed by the first petitioner while in office. It is her claim that the Block Development and Panchayat Officer concerned already examined the complaint made against her in this regard and gave her a clean chit, vide his report dated 25.02.2019.

As it is stated that the inquiry initiated by the Economic Offences Wing is underway, this Court is not inclined to stall the said inquiry or examine the issues sought to be raised by the petitioners in this writ petition. It is for the first petitioner to face the inquiry and establish her innocence in relation to the transactions during her tenure as the Sarpanch

of the Gram Panchayat of Village Ojhan Wali.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of directing the authorities concerned to complete the pending inquiry in accordance with law and due procedure. This exercise shall be completed expeditiously and preferably within six weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

No order as to costs.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

January 23, 2020.

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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:-

Yes / No.