

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

CWP No.2396 of 2020
Date of decision: 30.01.2020

Pala Singh and another

.....Petitioners

V/s.

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: - Mr. Dinesh Kumar Chaudhary, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Sanjay Kumar, J. (Oral)

The grievance of the petitioners, residents of Village Sural Kalan, Rajpura, District Patiala, is that the fourth and fifth respondents sought election to the posts of Sarpanch and Panch of the Gram Panchayat of the said village projecting themselves as members of Scheduled Caste Communities and were duly elected but they do not actually belong to Scheduled Caste Category.

The petitioners claim to have submitted a complaint in this regard on 27.08.2019 to the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, District Patiala, the third respondent.

Their grievance presently is that no action is being taken upon their complaint.

As this Court does not propose to go into the merits of the allegations levelled by the petitioners against the unofficial respondents, it would not be necessary to put them on notice at this stage or afford them an

opportunity of hearing.

It is for the authority concerned to examine the complaint made by the petitioners on its own merits and take appropriate action, as warranted, in accordance with law and due procedure.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of directing the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, District Patiala, the third respondent, to take appropriate action upon the petitioners complaint dated 27.08.2019, as warranted, in accordance with due procedure. This exercise shall be completed expeditiously and in any event, not later than six weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

No order as to costs.

30.01.2020

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(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

whether speaking/non speaking	:	<i>Yes/no</i>
<i>whether reportable/non reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes/no</i>