

Hardeep Singh &Anr.

... Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab &Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

**Present: Mr. Arun Bansal, Advocate
for the petitioners.**

ARUN MONGA, J(ORAL)

1. The grouse of the petitioner made in the instant writ petition filed under Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India, is that the Sarpanch of the village in connivance with Panchayat Secretary surreptitiously auctioned the Panchayat land to their own persons at a throw away price and thereby caused financial loss to the Panchayat.

2. The stand of the petitioners is that complaint dated 31.05.2020(Annexure P-2) was made to the respondents and higher authorities. An enquiry into the matter was conducted by Block Development and Panchayat Officer-respondent No.4 who forwarded the matter to District Development and Panchayat Officer-respondent No.3 recommending action against Sarpanch and concerned Panchayat Secretary. Respondent No.3 placed the matter before Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department-respondent No.2 and recommended action against the defaulters vide letter dated 05.10.2020(Annexure P-5).

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that despite lapse of more than three and a half months, no action has been taken by respondent No.2 on the recommendation(Annexure P-5) and he is dilly delaying the matter on one pretext or the other. He submits that even no action has been taken by respondent No.2 on the complaint dated 31.05.2020(Annexure P-2) which was sent by the petitioner.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the petitioner, I am of the considered view that no further pleadings are required. Without adverting to the merits of the case, instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to take a decision on the complaint dated 31.05.2020(Annexure P-2) filed by the petitioner, as expeditiously as possible.

5. Disposed of in above terms.

January 28, 2021
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(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/ No

2. Whether reportable: Yes/ No