

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP No.3208 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision:11.02.2021

OM SAROOP AND ORS

.....Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Upender Prasher, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Abhay Pal Singh Gill, AAG., Punjab.

LISA GILL, J(Oral).

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

Petitioners in this writ petition express a grievance of illegal cutting/removal of Khair trees by respondents no.10 in connivance with respondents no.11 to 15 and that of respondent authorities not taking necessary legal action against them.

Learned counsel for the petitioner refers to report dated 03.11.2020 submitted by the Forest Range Officer, Hoshiarpur, Annexure P-17 to submit that illegal cutting/felling of trees is established. However, no action, it is submitted is being taken against the persons involved. Petitioners claim to be residents of village Rehmapur. Legal notice dated 14.09.2020, Annexure P-13, is stated to have been served but to no avail.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner restricts his prayer for a decision on legal notice dated 14.09.2020, Annexure P-13 served upon the Director, Department of Rural Development and

Panchayats, Annexure P-13, in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Abhay Pal Singh Gill, AAG., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and does not raise any serious objection to the limited prayer addressed.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and the limited prayer addressed, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority, to decide legal notice dated 14.09.2020 (Annexure P-13) submitted by the petitioners by passing a speaking order, within three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

11.02.2021

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[LISA GILL]
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No.
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No.