

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

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**CWP-4374-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision : 24.02.2021**

Som Lal and Others

.....Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and Others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ALKA SARIN

Present: Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate for the petitioners.

ALKA SARIN, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The present petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India has been preferred by the petitioners who are elected Panchayat Members of village Mokhe and are permanent residents of District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioners would contend that the Elections of the Gram Panchayat Mokhe were held on 30.12.2018 and the petitioners, alongwith two others, were elected as Panchayat Members and respondent No.5 was elected as Sarpanch of the village. It is further the contention that since the election of the Panchayat not a single monthly meeting of the Gram Panchayat has been held nor any notice has been served upon the present petitioners specifying any date or time for the meeting. It has further been contended that on account of non-holding of the meetings, the development work of the village is suffering. Even the grants received by the village for development works have not been utilised.

Learned counsel would further contend that a complaint was sent in this

regard on 27.10.2020 (Annexure P-1) to the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, however, no action was taken on the same. The said complaint was followed by another complaint dated 28.12.2020 (Annexure P-2) and third complaint dated 22.01.2021 (Annexure P-3). However, no action has been taken till date. Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that, at this stage, he would be satisfied if a direction is issued to respondent No.2 to decide the complaints/representations made by the petitioners in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Daldeep Singh Sukarchakia, DAG, Punjab has put in appearance through video conferencing and accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 4.

In view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting on merits of the case, the present petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.2 – Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab –to take a decision on the complaint/representation dated 22.01.2021 (Annexure P-3) in accordance with law within a period of one month from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Disposed off.

February 24, 2021

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**(ALKA SARIN)
JUDGE**

NOTE: Whether speaking/non-speaking: Speaking
Whether reportable: Yes/No