

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

CWP-4806-2021(O&M)

Date of decision:01.03.2021

Veera Singh and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

Union of India and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present:- Mr.Gurdas Singh Sarwara, Advocate for the petitioners

Mr. Kushagra Mahajan, Advocate for UOI

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J.

The petitioners have invoked the extraordinary jurisdiction of the Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ in the nature of Certiorari to quash the order dated 10.02.2021, allegedly passed by the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Maur, District Bathinda.

Some facts are required to be noticed. From the pleadings, it is apparent that originally the village is known as 'Kotli Khurd'. However, on the basis of a resolution, a decision was taken to recommend to the Govt. to change the name of the village to 'Prem Kotli'. The State of Punjab as well as the Union Government have already approved the same. Through a communication dated 10.02.2021, Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Maur, District Bathinda, on the basis of the communication received from the Home Ministry, has called a meeting of the general house of the village to

submit a report. The aforesaid meeting was originally planned to be held on 22.02.2021, however, the same stands postponed to 03.03.2021. In other words, the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Maur, District Bathinda, has only requested the Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat to call a meeting of the general house.

Learned counsel representing the petitioner was time and again requested to draw the attention of the Court to any statutory provision prohibiting the holding of such meeting. Learned counsel submitted that once the change of name has been approved by the Central Government, the matter cannot be re-considered.

As noticed above, through the communication Annexure P-7, only a meeting of the general house has been called. Hence, in the absence of any violation of the statutory provisions, no ground to issue the writ as prayed for is made out.

Dismissed.

01.03.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether Reportable

Yes /No

Yes / No

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE