

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-6440-2021

Date of decision: 19.03.2021

Rupinder Kaur and others

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Munish Gupta, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Ambika Bedi, Assistant AG, Punjab.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of restrictions due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioners-Rupinder Kaur (Sarpanch) along with three other Panches, have jointly filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus for directing the official respondents to permit the petitioners/Gram Panchayat, Malko Majra, to carry out development works, in terms of resolution dated 02.03.2021 (Annexure P-7) for construction of metalled road for approach to cremation ground/burial ground and Peer of the Village as the Gram Panchayat is currently having funds/grant received from the State of Punjab, to the tune of Rs.15,63,000/-, else the said grant/funds would lapse on 31.03.2021, as the approval is currently not being granted by respondents No.5 & 7.

Learned counsel for the petitioners, at the outset, refers to the

communication dated 10.03.2021 (Annexure P-8), issued by the Office of BDPO to the Executive Engineer, Fatehgarh Sahib, on the subject of verification of estimate-Gram Panchayat, Malko Majra.

In the above said communication, it has been stated that the resolution and estimate of the Gram Panchayat, Malko Majra, has been received. The revised estimate so received, has been forwarded to the Executive Engineer.

Learned counsel submits that the petitioners apprehend that in case, the said letter is not promptly acted upon by the respondents, budget of about Rs.15,63,000/- would lapse. In this regard, the petitioners have also submitted their representation 12.03.2021 (Annexure P-9) which has not been decided till date.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Ambika Bedi, Assistant AG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Without commenting upon merits of the case, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the present writ petition with a direction to the Authority concerned to decide the representation (Annexure P-9) in accordance within a period of one week from today.

Ordered accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

19.03.2021

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No