

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

CWP-7452-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 13.09.2021

Ravinder and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present:- Mr.Rajesh Dhankar, Advocate for the petitioners

Mr. Tarun Walia, AAG, Haryana

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J (Oral)

The hearing of the case was held through video conferencing on account of restricted functioning of the Courts.

On 27.04.2021, the following order was passed by this

Court:-

“Heard through video conferencing.

Grievance of the petitioners in the present petition is that the enquiry against the *Sarpanch* and *Panchayat* officials for misusing Government funds by using substandard material while constructing the passage from Village ‘Paju’ to Village ‘Sirsi’ is not being concluded. Learned counsel for the petitioners would further contend that despite various complaints/representations, no action has been taken.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Upasana Dhawan, AAG Haryana, who has joined the session through video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. She, on instructions from Sh. Jasbir Singh, SDO, Panchayati Raj, Vigilance Wing, Rohtak, states that respondent no.3 - Superintending Engineer, Panchayati Raj, Vigilance Wing, Rohtak -has already summoned the record from respondent no.9 - Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Village Paju - and that as soon as the record is received the enquiry would be conducted and would be completed within a period of one month thereafter. However, she on instructions expresses her apprehension that respondent no.9 - Sarpanch - is not cooperating by producing the record.

List on 25.05.2021.

Meanwhile, respondent no.9 is directed to cooperate in the enquiry being conducted and in case the record, as asked for by respondent no.3, is not furnished, respondent no.9 shall remain present in Court on the next date of hearing.”

Sh. Tarun Walia, AAG, Haryana, on instructions from respondent no.3 i.e Superintending Engineer, Panchayati Raj, Vigilance Wing, Rohtak, has submitted that report in the regular inquiry has been submitted to the Director, Development and Panchayats Department, Haryana, on 23.06.2021 wherein the respondents have been found to be guilty of embezzlement and the recommendations have been made to recover the amount of Rs.70,00,000/- from them. He submits that the Director has to take a call on the aforesaid matter.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, it is considered appropriate to direct the Director, Development and Panchayats Department, Haryana, to finally decide the matter within a period of one month from today.

All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

13.09.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE