

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

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**CWP-9426-2021(O&M)
Date of decision:12.10.2021.**

SURINDER SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

**Present: Mr. Vishneet Singh Kathpal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.**

Ms. Sunint Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J (Oral)

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

The petitioner claims to be an elected Panch of the Gram Panchayat of village Pakka Chisti, District Fazilka.

Through this writ petition, the petitioner prays that the writ of mandamus be issued to the official respondents to remove respondent no.7 from the post of Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat as she has failed to hold the meetings at an appropriate time. The petitioner alleges that after 22.07.2020, no meeting has been held. This covers the period when the outbreak of Corona-19 pandemic brought the entire country to a halt.

Moreover, it is for the Director, Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, to regulate the working of the Gram Panchayats.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, the petitioner, if so advised, may file a petition before the Director, Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab.

Disposed of accordingly.

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

October 12, 2021
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

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