

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-PIL No. 82 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of decision:- 25.08.2021

Gurdial Singh Gill

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAVI SHANKER JHA, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI, JUDGE.**

Present:- Mr. K.S.Hissowal, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. SPS Tinna, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

(The aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing since the proceedings are being conducted in virtual Court).

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RAVI SHANKER JHA, CHIEF JUSTICE (oral)

This petition has been filed by the petitioner allegedly in public interest praying for a direction to the respondent-authorities to consider and take a decision on the petitioner's representation dated 23.02.2021 (Annexure P-1), in which the petitioner has requested the authorities to conduct an enquiry and take a decision against the persons who have forcefully taken possession of the property belonging to Gram Panchayat, Bagol Khurd, District Hoshiarpur.

From a perusal of the petition, it is evident that on a complaint being filed by the petitioner, the Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Tanda, took cognizance of the same and issued notice to the Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat Bagol Khurd directing him to appear before him on 23.07.2020. In the petition, the petitioner has not stated even a single line as to what transpired after 23.07.2020 nor has the petitioner placed on record any document to indicate the proceedings taken up by the Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Tanda, on 23.07.2020 or any subsequent date. On a query being made to the learned counsel for the petitioner, he submits that the petitioner has filed a representation before the respondent-

authorities but he does not have any information as to the steps taken by the Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Tanda post 23.07.2020.

It is observed that the petitioner has filed further complaints before the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat as well as the Deputy Commissioner, Hoshiarpur, which are pending before them.

In the circumstances, as the authorities have already taken up the matter and as there is nothing on record to indicate the proceedings that have taken place before the Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Tanda on 23.07.2020 and thereafter inspite of lapse of more than one year, we dispose of the petition permitting the petitioner to pursue the matter pending before the respondent-authorities.

Learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the respondent-State of Punjab submits that he shall communicate the order passed by this Court to the authorities and the required decision in the matter shall be taken by the authorities expeditiously and in accordance with law, if they not already taken.

With these observations and directions, the petition stands disposed of.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

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