

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

**CWP-10549-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision:31.05.2021**

Gurmukh Singh & others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA.**

Present:- Mr. Lovish Rattan, Advocate for the petitioners.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL).

Matter has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of the Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Petitioners claim themselves to be the residents of Village Rauni, Tehsil Payal, District Ludhiana.

It is the assertion made in the petition that land bearing khasra No.553/2, khatauni No.290 has been reserved for common purposes i.e. village pond/water body.

Instant writ petition has been filed raising a grievance that certain residents of the village in connivance with the members of Panchayat are proceeding to fill up the water body.

Contention raised by counsel is that if such course of action is permitted, the pond/water body of the village would be eliminated creating imbalance in the ecology of the village and the villagers would be deprived of such a useful natural resource.

We have heard counsel for the petitioners and have perused the case paper book.

In view of the limited issue raised in the petition and without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the petition, we deem it appropriate to dispose of the petition at the very threshold in terms of granting liberty to the petitioners to approach the 2nd respondent i.e. the District Development and Panchayats Officer, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana as regards their grievance. In the eventuality of the petitioners submitting a complaint/representation, respondent No.2 would be obligated to examine the same and to thereafter take steps, if any and as warranted in accordance with law.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

31.05.2021

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |