

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

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CWP-12906-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 16.07.2021

GURBINDER KAUR

..Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. IS Saggu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, 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 Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat of Village Innawal, Block Shahkot, District Jalandhar. Through this writ petition, the petitioner prays for a writ in the nature of certiorari to quash the impugned order dated 24.03.2021 passed by the District Development and Panchayat Officer, Jalandhar. By the aforesaid order, the District Development and Panchayat Officer on the basis of report submitted by the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Shahkot, appointed Sh. Kuldeep Kumar, V.D.O. as administrator of the Gram Panchayat for a period of one month. Admittedly, the aforesaid period has already come to an end. The petitioner claims that although she has not been supplied a copy of the order, if any, passed to extend the term of the administrator, however, the administrator continues to work as such.

Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, AAG, Punjab, has pointed out that proceedings under Section 20 of the Punjab Panchayti Raj Act, 1994, are pending against the petitioner before the Director, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab, for 19.07.2021. The petitioner has already been issued a show cause notice as to why he should not be placed under suspension on account of various allegations made.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, it is considered appropriate to direct the Director, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab, to examine the grievance made in the present writ petition also and pass an appropriate order, in accordance with law. It is expected that the Director, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab, before passing the order would grant an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner. Let the order be passed either on 19.07.2021 or within a week thereafter positively.

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

16.07.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)

JUDGE