

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-PIL No. 134 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of decision:- 03.08.2021

Janhitt Committee and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

Union of India and others

...Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Imtiyaz Hussain, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. S.P.Jain, Addl. Solicitor General of India with
Mr. Dheeraj Jain, Senior Panel Counsel for respondent-UIO.

Mr. Deepak Balyan, Addl. Advocate General, Haryana.

(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 petitioners alleging multifarious irregularities, frauds and embezzlements in the MGNREGA scheme of the Government of India by the private respondents in connivance with the official respondents in District Nuh at Mewat. He further submits that people who died and do not exist have been taken on record and are being paid the salary and other benefits under the MGNREGA scheme and thereby several irregularities and embezzlement of funds of MGNREGA Scheme are taking place in the said District. He alleges that inspite of filing several representations and complaints before the concerned authorities, no action has been taken thereon.

Learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the respondent-State of Haryana submits that under section 19 of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005 (MGNREGA), a grievance redressal mechanism has been provided pursuant to which rules

have been framed by the State of Haryana. He submits that in such circumstances, the representations/complaints (Annexure P-94) filed by the petitioners before the Deputy Commissioner, Nuh at Mewat, shall be considered and decided by the authorities expeditiously. He further submits that the authorities shall make endeavour to decide the aforesaid representations filed by the petitioners at the earliest and shall also call for details and if so required give opportunity of hearing to the petitioners to establish or clarify the allegations or facts mentioned by them in the said complaints/representations. He further submits that the orders passed by the authorities would be communicated to the petitioners, who would thereafter have a remedy of filing an appeal in accordance with the rules framed by the State of Haryana.

In view of the aforesaid statement made by learned Additional Advocate General, Haryana, the petition filed by the petitioners' stands disposed of.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

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Whetherspeaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whetherreportable	Yes/No