

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

CWP-15339-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 12.08.2021

Sukhpreet Singh Panch and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr.Raj Kumar Garg, Advocate for the petitioners

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 petitioners are elected office bearers (Panches) of Gram Panchayat, Village Mithra, District Kapurthala. They pray for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus, directing respondent no.2 (Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab) to take action in view of the complaint dated 28.04.2021. It is alleged that respondent no.3 to 12 have misappropriated the Panchayat funds by conniving with each other and selling 400 eucalyptus trees and by leasing out the Panchayat land without depositing the lease money in the Bank account of the Panchayat.

It is not in dispute that the then Sarpanch, Sh. Jarnail Singh Ghuman is no more.

After going through the averments made in the writ petition, this Bench is of the considered view that the petitioners have failed to make out a case for issuance of a writ, as prayed for. The petitioners

have more than one effective alternative remedies. Hence, the writ petition is disposed of by granting liberty to the petitioners to avail the alternative remedies.

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

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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

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