

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, at Chandigarh

Civil Writ Petition No. 15861 of 2021

Date of Decision: 18.08.2021

Gurvinder Pal and Others

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anil Kshetarpal.

Present: Mr. Amrindra Pratap Singh, Advocate
for Mr. V.P.Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Ms. Sunint Kaur, Assistant Advocate General,
Punjab, for respondent No.1 to 4.

Anil Kshetarpal, J.

1. Through this writ petition, the petitioners pray for issuance of the writ in the nature of mandamus to direct respondent No.2 to take immediate action against the private respondents.

2. In the complaint of the petitioners, it was alleged that the sand was being illegally mined with the use of JCB, Poclain machine and Tipper by the elected representatives of the Gram Panchayat, Village Khera Gajju, Tehsil Rajpura, District Patiala. The respondent No.4-Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Rajpura, after inquiring into the matter, sent his recommendations to the respondent No.3-District Development and Panchayat Officer, Patiala, which, in turn, was forwarded to the respondent No.2-Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab. It is alleged that

the respondent No.2 has failed to take any action thereon; for the last 10

months.

3. Ms. Sunint Kaur, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, on instructions from Mr. Sunil Khosla, Legal Consultant, Department of Panchayat, submits that the matter is listed before the respondent No.2-Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab, on 23.08.2021 and she has instructions to make a statement to the effect that the matter shall be disposed of by respondent No.2 within a period of 15 days, positively.

4. Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, no further order is required to be passed. Hence, the present writ petition is dismissed. However, respondent No.2-Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab, shall remain bound by the statement.

(Anil Kshetarpal)
Judge

August 18, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No