

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

CWP-23205-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 16.11.2021

Kirna Rani

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. B.S.Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner
Mr. Ayush Sarna, AAG, Punjab

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J (Oral)

The petitioner is an elected Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat, Village, Alike, Block Phool, District Bathinda, who was suspended from the elected office on 04.01.2021. An appeal has been preferred by the petitioner against the order of suspension wherein his order of suspension has been upheld by the Additional Chief Secretary, while exercising the powers of the Government under the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994. Through the present writ petition, the petitioner prays for issuance of a writ in the nature of Certiorari to quash the orders dated 04.01.2021 and 19.08.2021 passed by the Director and Additional Chief Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab, respectively.

Sh. Ayush Sarna, AAG, Punjab, enters appearance on behalf of the respondents and submits that a regular inquiry to find out the truth into the allegations has already been ordered. He submits that the inquiry will be completed within a period of six weeks from today.

The suspension of an elected office bearer, during the pendency of the inquiry, is only as an interim measure. Once

the inquiry is going to be completed within a period of six weeks from today, there is no reason to entertain the writ petition. However, the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab, is directed to ensure that the inquiry is completed within the aforesaid time period and thereafter, an appropriate order, as per the report, is passed forthwith, after the receipt of the inquiry report.

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

16.11.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE