

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

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CWP No.23538 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 22.11.2021

Deepinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. C.S. Jattana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

The petitioner is a resident of village Pakhi Kalan, Tehsil and District Faridkot, Punjab. Respondent No.5-Kulwinder Singh was elected as Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat of the village. He was placed under suspension by the Director, Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab. An appeal preferred by the Sarpanch has been partly accepted and the matter has been remitted back to the Director, Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, for passing a fresh order after granting opportunity to the elected Sarpanch.

The learned counsel representing the petitioner contends that before passing the order of suspension, the Director, Department of Rural Development & Panchayats, Punjab, is not required to give an opportunity of hearing to the elected office bearers.

Be that as it may. Once the Secretary, Department of Rural Development & Panchayats, Punjab, has considered it appropriate to direct the Director to pass a fresh order, after granting an opportunity of hearing to the elected representative, this Court does not find it appropriate to interfere.

However, keeping in view the facts of the case, the Director, Department of

Rural Development & Panchayats, Punjab, is requested to pass a fresh order in accordance with law within one month from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order.

Disposed of accordingly.

November 22, 2021

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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No