

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

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**CWP-26491-2021
Date of Order: 23.12.2021**

VANDANA KUMARI AND ORS

..Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Ritesh Pandey, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Pawan Sharda, DAG, 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 Panches of Gram Panchayat Butari Station, Block Rayya, District Amritsar. They pray for issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari to quash the order dated 10.12.2021, passed by the District Development and Panchayat Officer, Amritsar, while nominating respondent No.4 to perform the functions of an Administrator of the Panchayat. It has been asserted that the elected Sarpanch died on 10.07.2021, however, as per the provisions of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, no Panch as yet has been authorized to perform the functions of the Sarpanch.

In the first round, Sh. Pawan Sharda, the learned counsel representing the State of Punjab, was requested to get complete instructions and assist the Court. After taking instructions from Sh. Gurpreet Singh, District Development and Panchayat Officer, he states that the impugned order already stands withdrawn on 22.12.2021.

The learned counsel representing the petitioners contends that the Block Development and Panchayat Officer should be directed to

complete the process of authorizing a Panch to perform the duties/responsibilities of the elected Sarpanch who unfortunately died.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, the present writ petition is disposed of with the observations that the Block Development and Panchayat Officer shall call a meeting of the Gram Panchayat within 15 days, from today and proceed in accordance with the law.

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

December 23, 2021

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

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