

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

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CWP-1184-2022 (O&M)
Date of Order: 03.02.2022

Sucha Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

**State of Punjab through its Secretary, Rural Development
and Panchayats Department**

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Gurmanpreet Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. Ayush Sarna, AAG, Punjab

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The learned counsel representing the petitioner, at the outset, has pointed out that in the memorandum of parties, the name of petitioner's father has been wrongly typed as Jagir Singh, whereas his correct name is Raghbir Singh. The aforesaid fact is taken on record.

The petitioner prays for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus to direct the respondent (State of Punjab through its Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayats Department) to decide the pending appeal in a time bound manner.

It has been pointed out that an appeal filed under Section 20(6) of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, assailing the correctness of an order dated 16.11.2020, is pending for the last 2 years.

Sh. Ayush Sarna, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, has entered appearance for the respondent-State pursuant to an advance copy of the writ petition and submits that the appeal is fixed for today. He further submits that an inquiry report has already been received against the Sarpanch and the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat is seized of the matter.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, the writ petition is disposed of with a request to the respondent to hear and decide the pending appeal No.66 of 2020 (filed by Amarjit Singh, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Sarala Khurd, Block Ghanaur, District Patiala), within a period of one month, from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order.

February 03, 2022
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	YES/NO
Whether reportable	YES/NO