

LPA-143-2022(O&M)

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

(PROCEEDINGS THROUGH V.C.)

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Date of Decision: 18.2.2022

Manjinder Kaur

...Appellants

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S. MADAAN**

Present: Mr.Manish Kumar Singla Advocate
for the applicant – appellant.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

Challenge in this appeal is to the order dated 7.2.2022 passed by learned Single Judge vide which the writ petition preferred by the petitioner stands disposed of with a direction to Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development), Barnala to conclude the inquiry, which is pending against the petitioner, who is a Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat, Kakra and has been placed under suspension, within a period of one month from the order dated 7.2.2022. The Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab has also been directed to conclude the proceedings within six weeks thereafter.

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Learned counsel for the appellant has made an effort to persuade this Court to pass an order, which would at least during the pendency of the inquiry, stay the suspension order. This has been asserted by the counsel for the appellant in light of the fact that the tenure of the appellant is likely to expire within a period of 1 year and 8 months. This is asserted by submitting that about 1 year has been lost by the appellant in the process, which has been initiated against her. This he asserts in the light of the fact that since 14.9.2020, the inquiry is pending, which has not been concluded till date.

We have considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the appellant and are sanguine and satisfied that the learned Single Judge was well aware of all these facts and therefore taking that into consideration has passed the time bound direction to the authorities to firstly conclude the inquiry proceedings and thereafter to take a decision on that basis.

We do not find any ground for interfering in the present appeal except observing that it is expected and required that the competent authority shall within a time framed comply with the order passed by the learned Single Judge.

Disposed of.

(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE

18.02.2022
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(H.S.MADAAN)
JUDGE

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