

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.4431 of 2022(O&M)

Date of decision:07.03.2022

Navdeep Pal Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

The Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Department,
Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Ashish Aggarwal, Sr. Advocate, with
Ms. Aashna Aggarwal, Advocate, and
Mr. Paramjit Rajput, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Nikhil Chopra, Addl.A.G., Punjab

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J (Oral)

The petitioner prays for issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari to quash the order dated 16.12.2021, passed by the Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab.

On a careful reading of the order, it is evident that the Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab, while hearing the appeal has issued notice and summoned the lower court record.

The petitioner's appeal challenging the order of his suspension from the elected office is pending, for 17.03.2022.

The learned senior counsel representing the petitioner contends that the meeting of the remaining members of the Gram Panchayat is scheduled to be held today, to elect the working President. He submits that till then, the meeting of the Gram Panchayat be kept in abeyance.

In the considered view of the Court, as the matter is pending

before the Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab, and he has already taken cognizance of the matter, hence, it is not considered appropriate to pass any order on the merits of the case.

The working President, if any elected, shall be subject to the decision of the appeal and the petitioner is not likely to suffer any prejudice.

Sh. Nikhil Chopra, learned Additional Advocate General representing the State of Punjab has assured the Court that the pending appeal shall be decided within a period of 2 weeks, from today.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, no further order is required to be passed.

Disposed of.

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

March 07, 2022
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No