

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

Sr. No.113

**Civil Writ Petition No.4635 of 2022
Date of Decision : March 09, 2022**

Shinderpal Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Jaspreet Singh Brar, Advocate, for the petitioner.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is aggrieved because a male Scheduled Caste Panch has been appointed as the officiating Sarpanch after the death of the incumbent. The post is reserved for a female Scheduled Caste candidate. Thus, an election petition was filed. The same was presented in the office of Collector-cum-District Development & Panchayat Officer who forwarded it to the Block Development & Panchayat Officer vide communication dated 25.11.2021 for holding proceedings in accordance with Section 22 of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994. The Block Development & Panchayat Officer has not decided the said petition till date.

Although, the prayer in this petition is for a direction to respondent No.4 to decide the pending representation, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that a direction may be issued instead to respondent No.5 to decide the pending petition within a time bound manner.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 5 only.

Mr. Arun Kaundal, DAG, Punjab accepts notice and waives service.

Considering the nature of the order being passed, no reply is necessary.

The petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.5 to decide the pending petition by passing a speaking order within eight weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

March 09, 2022
Ankur

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	No