

CWP No.7331 of 2022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision : 26.07.2022

Baldev Singh

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Haryana and others

....Respondents

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL**

Present: Mr. Swati Batra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Pravindra S. Chauhan, Sr. Addl. A.G., Haryana.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

In compliance with the order passed by this Court on 14.07.2022, costs as imposed by this Court amounting to ₹30,000/-, stand deposited with the High Court Lawyers' Welfare Fund on 18.07.2022. Status report of Block Development and Panchayat Officer, as Administrator of Village Sotha, Block Siswan, District Kaithal, dated 27.06.2022, has been filed in Court, which is taken on record, copy whereof supplied to the counsel for the petitioner.

In para 5 of the said report, list of the persons, who have been found to have encroached upon the Gram Panchayat land upon demarcation has been given along with the areas encroached by them. The number of persons is 65. After that, on the basis of the demarcation report dated

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27.06.2022, proceedings under Section 7 of the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961, have been initiated against these persons, wherein notices have been issued by the Assistant Collector 1st Grade, Kaithal and the next date of hearing is 29.07.2022. As regards the petitioner, it has been stated that the possession of two kanals of land has been taken from the petitioner.

In the light of the above, we are of the considered view that the present writ petition has been rendered infructuous and the same is disposed of as such.

In any case, directions are issued to the Assistant Collector 1st Grade, Kaithal, to proceed in the matter expeditiously and make an endeavour to finalize the said proceedings under Section 7 of the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961, within a period of one year from today.

(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE

26.07.2022

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(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No