

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

**CWP-12366-2022
DECIDED ON: 31.05.2022**

JOGINDER SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

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

Present: Mr. R.K. Arya, Advocate for the petitioner.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this writ petition is for quashing the letter/notice dated 23.05.2022 (Annexure P-3), which has been served upon the petitioner by the Gram Panchayat, Village Dhariwal Daroga, Tehsil Naushera Majja Singh, District Gurdaspur.

It is the contention of the counsel for the petitioner that the Gram Panchayat has no powers to issue such notices. This assertion of the counsel for the petitioner is misplaced. The Gram Panchayat as and when comes to know about any illegal encroachment by any person of the Gram Panchayat land, can always call for removal of such unauthorized encroachments. It has further been stated in the notice itself that in case the encroachments are not removed, legal action and recovery of arrears of rent will be initiated against the petitioner. The petitioner, if so, advised and so chooses, may file reply to the said notice otherwise face legal consequences.

The writ petition being misplaced, stands dismissed.

**(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE**

**(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE**

31.05.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes/No*

Whether reportable *Yes/No*