

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

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Civil Writ Petition No.13625 of 2022

Date of Decision: July 4th, 2022

Avtar Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Harsh Aggarwal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

The only grievance of the petitioners is that the impugned notices dated 01.06.2022 (Annexures P-4 and P-5) issued by the Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Bhatian Bet, Block Kahnuwan, have been issued without taking into consideration the factual position that earlier proceedings initiated firstly by the Gram Panchayat and thereafter by another member of the Gram Sabha have been dismissed by the competent authority. He, on this basis, contends that as of now there is no order passed by the competent authority for eviction of the petitioners from the land which is alleged to be in illegal possession of the petitioners owned by the Gram Panchayat.

In the light of the above, counsel states that a week's time may be granted to the petitioners to file reply to the notice dated 01.06.2022 (Annexures P-4 and P-5).

In the light of the statement made by the counsel for the petitioners, as prayed for, a week's time is granted to the petitioners to file reply to the notice dated 01.06.2022 (Annexures P-4 and P-5).

On receipt of the said reply, the respondent-Gram Panchayat shall proceed to decide the same by passing a speaking order taking into

consideration the stand which may be projected by the petitioners and till

such a decision is taken and conveyed to the petitioners, *status quo* with regard to possession, as it exists today, shall be maintained.

The writ petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE

July 4th, 2022
Puneet

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

Whether Reportable: No