

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

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Civil Writ Petition No.14494 of 2022

Date of Decision: July 26th, 2022

Sukhjot 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. Munish Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. Monica Chhibber Sharma, Sr. Deputy Advocate General,
Punjab.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the State, in the light of the affidavit dated 18.07.2022 filed by the District Development and Panchayat Officer, Pathankot, District Pathankot, states that as far as the petitioners are concerned and the land in their possession which is illegal and is in fact encroachment on the Gram Panchayat land, proceedings under Section 7 of the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961 shall be initiated. It has also been stated that the auction which is being sought to be carried out does not pertain to the land, which is in illegal possession of the petitioners.

In the light of this categorical statement on the part of counsel for the State, we do not think the cause of action survives as far as the petitioners are concerned, however, it is clarified that the auction notice which has been issued by the respondents/authorities belong to the land where illegal occupants have themselves handed over the vacant possession to the Gram Panchayat or which is already with the Gram Panchayat.

In the light of the above, we dispose of the present writ petition.

**(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE**

July 26th, 2022
Puneet

**(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE**