

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

Sr. No.106

**Civil Writ Petition No.19197 of 2021  
Date of Decision : November 29, 2022**

Harjit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL**

Present: Mr. A.S. Pannu, Advocate for  
Mr. Vikas Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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**SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)**

Respondent No.6-Rajpal Singh had purchased some evacuee property in an auction conducted under the Punjab Package Deal Properties (Disposal) Rules, 1976 (hereinafter referred to as the Rules). The purchase was made in the year 1982 and last instalment was paid in 2009 whereafter sale certificate was issued. Said respondent No.6 further sold the land to respondent No.7 vide sale deed dated 16.02.2011 and thus, the petitioner submitted a complaint before the official respondents for cancellation of the sale deed as it was in violation of Rule 6(8) of the Rules. The said sub-rule stipulates that land purchased through restricted auction sale cannot be alienated for a period of 20 years and thereafter also the transfer can only be in favour of a Member of the Scheduled Castes or Backward Classes. No action having been taken on the complaint, the present writ petition has been filed.

When the matter came up for hearing on 11.05.2022, upon a query put by the Court, learned counsel for the petitioner had stated that the petitioner was the second highest bidder during the auction sale in favour of respondent No.6. This fact having come to light, learned counsel for the petitioner was directed to address the Court on the question of locus standi. Today, it has been submitted that no law could be found to support the contention that petitioner has locus standi in this matter.

The facts aforementioned clearly establish that the petitioner was one of the bidders in the auction sale held in the year 1982. Even if the sale made by respondent No.6 is set aside, he would not get any benefit and thus, his grievance in the matter is beyond understanding. The principle of locus standi clothes a person with the right to approach a Court of law for redressal of his grievance. The petitioner cannot be said to have any grievance in the matter and thus, the writ petition instituted by him is not maintainable.

It is accordingly dismissed.

**November 29, 2022**

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**(SUDHIR MITTAL)  
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No