

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

**CWP-242-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 13.12.2022**

SUKHDEV SINGH AND OTHERS

..... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..... Respondent(s)

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE RITU TAGORE**

Present: Mr. Parveen Kumar Garg, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Sandeep Jain, Additional A.G. Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

Prayer in this writ petition is for directing the official respondents to take necessary action for taking over possession of the Gram Panchayat land (*Gair Mumkin Tobha*), which is stated to be in un-authorised and illegal possession of respondent no.9.

Learned counsel for the State while referring to affidavit dated 27.09.2022 of Mr. Jitendra Jorwal, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur – respondent no.3, submits that petition under Section 7 of the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961 (hereinafter referred to as the 1961 Act) had been filed by the Gram Panchayat for eviction of 'Baba Parmanand Kanya Mahavidalya Committee' through respondent no.9 from the Gram Panchayat land. It was further stated in the said affidavit that in case timely action is not taken by the Gram Panchayat office bearers for removal of encroachment on Gram Panchayat land, necessary action would be taken against them.

As per status report dated 23.11.2022, it is informed that petition under Section 7 of the 1961 Act has also been filed against the Mandir/Dera through its Manager-respondent no.9 and said petition shall be pursued in right earnest and all steps taken for removal of illegal possession over the said land. It is further stated therein that the matter is pending before the Court of District Development and Panchayat Officer (exercising the powers of Collector), Sangrur and is likely to be decided within few months. Necessary action, it is further stated, would be taken in consonance with the order passed therein without any delay.

Learned counsel for the State submits that in view of the above, this writ petition is rendered infructuous. Learned counsel for the petitioners does not deny the same.

Accordingly, writ petition is disposed of as infructuous with a direction to the Collector, Sangrur to decide the pending petition/s expeditiously and preferably within four months from the next date fixed before the said authority.

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

(RITU TAGORE)
JUDGE

13.12.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No