

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

CR-268-2019

Date of Decision:-**3.10.2023**

PUNJAB WAQF BOARD

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

AMRITSAR IMPROVEMENT TRUST AND ORS.

... Respondent(s)

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

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Present:- Mr. Ghulam Nani Malik , Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Ms. Kavita Arora, Advocate
for respondent Nos.1 and 2.

None for remaining respondents No.4 to 6.

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KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (Oral)

1. The counsel for respondent No.1 and 2 submits that petitioner Punjab Waqf Board filed civil suit in 2018 and now the same is pending before the Waqf Tribunal, Jalandhar and the next date fixed before the Tribunal for evidence of the petitioner is 5.10.2023 subject to cost of ₹5,000/-. The counsel further submits that the petitioner is prolonging the matter before the learned Tribunal, as the petitioner got *status quo* order from this Court on 19.9.2019 and thus the petitioner is not interested in final disposal of the suit.

2. Faced with this situation, the counsel for the petitioner submits that he will be satisfied if direction is given to the learned Tribunal to decide the civil suit within next 6 months of the next date fixed in the trial and subject to said direction he be allowed to withdraw the present case, but the parties should be directed to maintain *status quo* till the final disposal of the suit by the learned Tribunal.
3. In the light of the above, present petition is dismissed as withdraw with direction to learned Tribunal, Jalandhar to finally decide the suit within next 6 months of the next date fixed there.
4. Both the parties are directed to maintain *status quo* regarding possession over the suit property till the final disposal of the civil suit before the learned Tribunal, Jalandhar.
5. In case, the Waqf Tribunal fails to dispose of the suit within aforesaid stipulated period of 6 months, then it has to seek further extension of time from this Court and in that eventuality this Court would think of vacating the order of *status quo* in case the delay is on the part of the petitioner only.

3.10.2023
Gaurav Sorot

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned / speaking?	Yes / No
Whether reportable?	Yes / No