

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

(124)

CWP-1187-2023

Date of decision: - 30.01.2023

Krishan Lal and another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present:- Mr. S.P.S. Tinna, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Ferry Sofat, Additional Advocate General, Punjab
for Respondents no.1 to 3.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

This writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondent No.3 to comply with the order dated 08.07.1993 (Annexure P-1) passed by respondent No.1 and to decide the surplus area cases of the big land owners afresh as expeditiously as possible.

On 20.01.2023, this Court was pleased to pass the following order: -

“Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the Financial Commissioner (Appeals), Punjab, Chandigarh had vide order dated 08.07.1993 remanded the surplus area case of Ram Sarup and Ram Partap sons of Lekh Ram (who are the original landowners) and had directed respondent No.3-Collector, Agrarian to decide the said case. It is stated that in spite of lapse of more than 29 years, the case has not been decided.

Learned State Counsel seeks a short adjournment to get instructions in the matter.

Adjourned to 25.01.2023.

20.01.2023

**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE”**

Learned State counsel, on instructions from respondent No.3, has submitted that the case would be decided by respondent No.3 as expeditiously as possible, preferably, within a period of three months.

Keeping in view the above-said facts and circumstances, the present petition is disposed of with the following observations:-

- (i) The petitioners are directed to appear before respondent No.3 on 06.02.2023.
- (ii) Respondent No.3 is directed to decide the case as expeditiously as possible, preferably, within a period of three months from today.

January 30, 2023
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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No