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

CWP-5520-2023

Date of decision : 17.04.2023

Veer Singh Sarpanch

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. N.P.S. Mann, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ferry Sofat, Addl. A.G. Punjab
for respondent Nos.1 to 4.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. This is a Civil Writ Petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari for quashing of order dated 23.02.2023 (Annexure P-15) and with further prayer for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondent Nos.2 to 4 to complete the proceedings under Section 20 of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, at the earliest, which is pending against respondent Nos.5 to 11 for the last more than 6 months.

2. On 17.03.2023, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that an inquiry against the private respondents No.5 to 11, who are panches, had been initiated vide letter/order dated 16.09.2022

(Annexure P-4), but the same has not been concluded till date.

Learned State counsel prays for an adjournment to get instructions in the matter.

Adjourned to 17.04.2023.”

3. Learned State Counsel has submitted that in the present case, inquiry against respondent Nos.5 to 11 has been concluded and notice under Section 20 of the Act has already been issued to respondent Nos.5 to 11 and appropriate action, in accordance with law, would be taken against respondent Nos.5 to 11 as expeditiously as possible.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in view of the abovesaid statement made by learned State Counsel, the present Civil Writ petition has been rendered infructuous and same may kindly be disposed of as such. It is however prayed that the State be bound by the abovesaid statement.

5. Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances, the present Civil Writ Petition is disposed of as having been rendered infructuous.

6. The State would be bound by the abovesaid statement.

17.04.2023

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No