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

CWP-9828-2023

Date of decision : 10.05.2023

Harwinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Nakul Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ferry Sofat, Addl. A.G. Punjab
for respondent Nos.1 to 5.

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, order or direction especially in the nature of mandamus directing respondent Nos.4 and 5 not to conduct multiple inquiries.

2. Learned State Counsel has submitted that in the present case, after receipt of inquiry conducted by DDPO, a show cause notice under Section 20(4) of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 has been issued to the petitioner. It is further submitted that it would be open to the petitioner to file reply to the same and the authorities would pass an appropriate order under the provisions of the Act after considering the reply filed by the petitioner. It is contended that the present writ petition so filed is premature.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner be permitted to take up all the pleas which are taken up in the present writ petition in the reply filed to the show cause notice and the authorities before passing any order, may consider the same, in accordance with law.

4. Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances, the present Civil Writ Petition is disposed of with directions to the authorities to permit the petitioner to file reply to the show cause notice dated 10.05.2023 within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of the said notice and in case, any such reply is filed, then the authorities would proceed further in accordance with the Act after considering the said reply.

10.05.2023*Pawan***(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE****Whether speaking/reasoned:-****Yes/No****Whether reportable:-****Yes/No**