

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.13880 of 2020
Date of Decision : 31.08.2023

Arvinder Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. K. S. Dadwal, Advocate with
Mr. Akhil Dadwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Arun William, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Vivek Chauhan, Advocate
for respondents No.8 to 11.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Present writ petition has been filed for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.2 to 7 to take remedial action on the complaint dated 18.03.2020 (Annexure P-2) submitted by the petitioner and other villagers with regard to the illegal cutting/removal of numerous eucalyptus trees by respondent No.12 in connivance with respondents No.8 to 11 and further to recover the damage from them, which was caused to the Gram Panchayat in terms of Section 216 of Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994. Further prayer has been made to direct respondents No.2 to 7 to initiate civil as well as criminal proceedings against respondents No.8 to 12 and other erring officials for their illegal act.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that despite having produced the sufficient proof, no action has been taken by respondent No.2 against respondents No.8 to 12.

However, learned State counsel has opposed the same and submits that specific reply has been filed and action had already been taken by respondent No.2 against respondents No.8 to 12. He submits that after having received the assessment report, the contractor was directed to deposit the amount, which has already been deposited by him. He further submits that respondents-State would pass a speaking order on the complaint filed by the petitioner (Annexure P-2).

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, the present petition stands disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Officer, SAS Nagar, Mohali to look into the complaint dated 18.03.2020 (Annexure P-2) filed by the petitioner and decide the same in accordance with law within a period of two weeks from today.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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Whether reportable	:	Yes/No