

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

(137)

CWP-12548-2023

Date of decision: - 01.06.2023

Nek Raj Sarpanch**....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, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.
for the respondents.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. This writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ, order or direction especially in the nature of certiorari for quashing the order dated 22.05.2023 (Annexure P-7) passed by respondent No.1 whereby stay application filed by the petitioner in appeal bearing Appeal No.116 of 2023 titled as 'Nek Raj Sarpanch Vs. Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, under Section 20(6) of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, has been declined.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the above-said appeal bearing Appeal No.116 of 2023 is fixed for hearing on 22.06.2023 for written arguments before the Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Rural Development and

Panchayats and a Law Officer had appeared on the previous date of hearing i.e. 22.05.2023. It is prayed that the Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Rural Development and Panchayats be directed to decide the said appeal on 22.06.2023 or within a period of three weeks thereafter.

3. Learned State counsel appearing for the respondents has submitted that every endeavour would be made by the Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Rural Development and Panchayats to decide the said appeal on 22.06.2023 or within a period of three weeks thereafter.

4. Keeping in view above-said facts and circumstances, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Rural Development and Panchayats to decide the case bearing Appeal No.116 of 2023 on 22.06.2023 or within a period of three weeks thereafter.

5. It is made clear that this Court has not opined on the merits of the case and the matter would be considered and decided by the competent authority independently, in accordance with law.

June 01, 2023
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(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No