

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

(119)

2023:PHHC:082953
CWP-13486-2023
Date of Decision: 03.07.2023

Manpreet Kaur & others

--Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

--Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ.

Present:- Mr. Ish Puneet Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ.J (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus to direct the official respondents to allow the elected Gram Panchayat of village Bishanpur to function effectively and to hold elections for electing an authorized Panch to exercise the powers of Sarpanch.

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the present Sarpanch of village has already been suspended by respondents on 24.4.2023. Thereafter the respondent authorities did not take any action for running the affairs of Panchayat. It is submitted that the petitioners before this court are Panches of Gram Panchayat concerned and have already filed a representation before the concerned BDPO, however, no action has been taken till date. It is further submitted that the tenure of the present Panchayat would come to an end by December, 2023 and no development work can be carried out in the village in the absence of any decision taken by the respondent authorities. It is submitted that even the representation, which has already been submitted is not being decided by the competent authority.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the court, Ms. Akshita Chauhan, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents.

In view of the above position, present petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to decide the representation dated 26.5.2023 (Annexure P-2) filed by the petitioner within a period of four weeks from today in accordance with law.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

03.07.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No