

[Neutral Citation No.2023:PHHC:059357]

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

**COCp-1469-2022 (O&M)
Date of decision: 26.04.2023**

Abhay Ram

...Petitioner

Versus

Dhirendra Khadgata and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- None for the petitioner.

Mr. Harsh Vardhan Shehrawat, AAG, Haryana.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

On 28.02.2023, the following order was passed by this Court:

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though in the order dated 21.12.2021, the Director General, Development and Panchayats Department, Haryana was directed to consider the matter and pass a speaking order, however, he has sent the case to the Director General, State Vigilance Bureau, Haryana, Panchkula without taking a call on merits.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from Mr. Prince Sharma, Deputy Superintendent, Panchayat Department, submits that now the Director General, State Vigilance Bureau, Haryana has sent back the case for inquiry by the Vigilance Department.

List again on 26.04.2023.

In the meantime, let a fresh compliance affidavit be filed on behalf of the Director General, Development and Panchayats Department, Haryana, failing which, he will remain present in person on the next date of hearing.”

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In pursuance thereof, a compliance affidavit is filed today in Court by the Director, Development and Panchayats Department, Haryana. As per this affidavit, an enquiry was entrusted to Superintending Engineer, Panchayati Raj, Vigilance Wing, Rohtak, who submitted his enquiry report dated 17.01.2023, which was examined by the Director and thereafter, on 17.03.2023, the Deputy Commissioner, Jhajjar was requested to submit an action taken report regarding recovery of amount. It is further stated that as per communication received from Deputy Commissioner, Jhajjar, dated 07.04.2023, an amount of Rs. 18,92,394/-, regarding allegation No. 1, is being recovered from Mange Ram, Ex-Sarpanch and Jitender, the then Gram Sachiv in equal ratio. Regarding allegation Nos. 3 and 4, an amount of Rs. 1,71,407/- is being recovered from Rajesh, Ex-Sarpanch and Sanjeev Kumar, the then Gram Sachiv of the village in equal ratio. It is further stated that disciplinary action under Rule 7 of the Haryana Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 2016 has also been initiated against said persons. It is further stated that BDPO, Mattenhail is also directed to ensure timely initiation of action against the aforesaid Gram Sachivs.

In view of the above, the present petition is rendered infructuous.

Rule stands discharged.

26.04.2023

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No