

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

CWP-18812-2021

Date of Decision: January 18, 2023

Mahant Kiran Devi

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE RITU TAGORE**

Present: Mr. Mohd. Yousaf, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr.M.S. Tiwana, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Sandeep Jain, Advocate for respondents No. 9 to 12.

LISA GILL, J.

It is submitted that petitioner was aggrieved of no action being taken on her application dated 12.08.2021 (Annexure P2) seeking appointment of Receiver regarding the land of Dera/Mandir Thakur Dwara Diwna, Dulladi Gate, Nabha, District Patiala. Petitioner claims to be a Mahant of the Dera.

Short reply on behalf of respondent No. 5 has been filed.

Learned counsel for the petitioner refers to communication dated 07.10.2022 by the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala to the Under Secretary, Punjab Government Revenue, Rehabilitation and Disaster Management Department (Jagir Branch), Chandigarh (Annexure R7 to the reply filed on behalf of respondents No. 2, 3 and 6) whereby Deputy Commissioner has recommended that Receiver be appointed till the appointment of Mahant of Mandir. It is submitted that this writ petition be

disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to take a final decision in this regard.

Learned counsel for respondents No. 9 to 12 submits that the petitioner has in fact no locus standi to file this writ petition. It is a matter of record that a dispute has arisen regarding Dera/Mandir property with the petitioner as well as respondent No. 12 - Amit Sharma @ Dharma, both claiming to be the Mahant of the Dera. It is informed that the dispute in this regard is pending before the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances as above, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction that the matter pending before the Deputy Commissioner as well as the matter regarding appointment of Receiver as reflected in communication dated 07.10.2022 be decided expeditiously, after affording due opportunity of hearing to all concerned, in accordance with law and definitely within two months.

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

January 18, 2023
Rts

(RITU TAGORE)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No