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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-16404-2023

Date of Decision: 31.07.2023

Vinod Kumar and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Pardeep Kumar Kapila, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners have approached this Court for quashing the illegal selection of Panch Dilbagh Singh as Sarpanch on 19.07.2023 without complying the terms and conditions lay down the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 in order to exercise undue influence upon the Panches and with an ulterior motive to undemocratically elect the officiating Panch, when the Divisional Deputy Director has asked for a clarification from BPDO, Khuian Sarwar, Abohar on dated 06.07.2023 (Annexure P-8) and further to look into the representation of the petitioners Annexures P-5 to P-7 dated 20.07.2023.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that earlier petitioner No.2 approached this Court by filing of CWP-14959-2023 and the same was disposed of vide order dated 17.07.2023. He has submitted that now in place of female Sarpanch in the meeting male Sarpanch has been nominated, which is against the settled proposition of law. Learned Counsel for the petitioners has submitted that for the redressal of their grievances, the petitioners have filed representations dated 20.07.2023 (Annexures P-5 and P-6) to respondents No.4 and 3, respectively.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Akshita Chauhan, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 to deal with the representation dated 20.07.2023 (Annexure P-5) filed by the petitioners expeditiously in accordance with law.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned

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Yes/No

Whether Reportable

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Yes/No