

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.19403 of 2023
Date of Decision : 02.09.2023

Surinder Singh and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Mohit Jaggi, Advocate
for the petitioners.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Present writ petition has been filed for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.1 to 4 to ensure that fair and impartial enquiry is conducted in accordance with law with the provisions of Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 and relevant rules & instructions issued by the Government from time to time within a definite time frame to be fixed by this Court. Further prayer has been made for directing respondents No.1 to 4 to ensure that no embezzlement of the Panchayat funds is made by respondent No.6 during the pendency of enquiry especially imposing a restraint on the operation of the bank accounts of Gram Panchayat.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that for the redressal of their grievances, the petitioners have already filed a representation dated 26.06.2023 (Annexure P-4) before respondent No.2 but the same has not been decided till date. He further submits that he will

be satisfied if a direction is issued to respondent No.2 to decide the same in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Akshita Chauhan, DAG, Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4-State.

In view of the above position, the present petition stands disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-The Director, Rural Development & Panchayat, Punjab, SAS Nagar, Mohali to look into the representation dated 26.06.2023 (Annexure P-4) and decide the same in accordance with law within a period of four weeks from today.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

02.09.2023

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