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

CWP-24834-2022

Date of decision : 17.01.2023

Parkash Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

The Special Secretary (Rehabilitation)-cum-Settlement Commissioner,
Haryana and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Dinesh Ghai, Advocate and
Mr. Nikhil Ghai, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajneesh Chadwal, AAG, Haryana.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

This is a Civil Writ Petition filed under Article 227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus praying for issuance of time bound directions to respondent No.1 to decide the pending petition dated 31.03.2001 (Annexure P-1) filed by the petitioner and other persons for allotment of land in lieu of land abandoned in Pakistan.

On 29.10.2022, a Coordinate Bench of this Court had directed the State to get instructions in the matter and thereafter, on 16.12.2022, the following order was passed:-

“Learned State counsel submits that Special Secretary (Rehabilitation)-cum-Settlement Commissioner, Haryana has been appointed but has yet to take charge. Thus, some more time may be granted.

Adjourned to 17.01.2023.

December 16, 2022

Sd/- (SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE”

Learned State Counsel has submitted that the Court of Chief Settlement Commissioner has been assigned to Sh. Rajiv Ranjan Commissioner and Secretary to Government of Haryana, Social Justice and Empowerment Department and he is on medical leave upto 25.01.2023 and thereafter, would resume his duty and has submitted that every effort would be made to decide the petition as expeditiously as possible and at any rate, within a period of three months from today.

Learned State counsel has further prayed that even the counsel appearing before the concerned authority on behalf of the petitioner in the petition be also requested to fully cooperate for the expeditious disposal of the case.

Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances, the present Civil Writ Petition is disposed of with the direction to the concerned Court to decide the petition dated 31.03.2001 (Annexure P-1) as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, before the concerned Court/authority, is also requested to give full assistance for the expeditious disposal of the case.

17.01.2023

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(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No