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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2023:PHHC:137165

CWP-24782-2022

Date of Decision: 20.10.2023

Gram Panchayat, Ratta Khera

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Baldev Singh Sidhu, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Ms. Akshita Chauhan, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition is for quashing the letter dated 11.10.2022 (Annexure P-1) vide which respondent No.3 has ordered the petitioner to stop the ongoing development works in the village. Further prayer has been made to direct the official respondents to get open the account of the Gram Panchayat of Ratta Khera, which has been stopped since last two months.

Mr. Janak Raj, Panchayat Officer, BDPO office, Jalalabad (w) is present in person in Court and has submitted that earlier the petitioner-Gram Panchayat was served with a notice dated 11.10.2022 but the Gram Panchayat without appearing before them, approached this Court by way of the present petition. He has submitted that as there are allegations of embezzlement, fresh notice dated 10.10.2023 has also been issued to the petitioner, wherein, the petitioner has been given a time of 30 days to file its reply, which has not been filed so far.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of as infructuous as a fresh notice has been issued to the petitioner. The petitioner is at liberty to appear before the competent authority and file its reply to the same. The authority concerned would deal with the same in accordance with law.

20.10.2023

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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No