

CWP-21763-2023

Date of Decision: 20.10.2023

Satnam Singh and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Gobind Singh Randhawa, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition is for issuance of direction to the official respondents No.1 and 2 to ensure that a fair and impartial enquiry is conducted in to the embezzlement of Panchayat funds and MANREGA funds (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme) committed by the private respondents and to ensure that the enquiry is conducted impartially and strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 and the relevant rules and instructions issued by the Government from time to time within a definite time frame to be fixed by this Court. Further direction sought to be given to respondents No.1 and 2 to decide the representation dated 08.08.2023 (Annexure P-5) moved by the petitioner.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Akshita Chauhan, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Learned State counsel has stated that in case the petitioner files comprehensive representation before respondent No.6- Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Gurdaspur, Gurdaspur, then he be ordered to decide the same in a time bound manner.

Heard.

After hearing the counsel for the parties and perusing the record, the present petition is disposed of with liberty to the petitioner to file representation for redressal of his grievance before the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Gurdaspur within seven days from today. If he files any such representation, then the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Gurdaspur i.e. respondent No.6 would deal with and decide the same as per law within four weeks from the date of filing of the representation.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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