

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.21688 of 2023
Date of Decision : 18.10.2023

Harmanjeet Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Ms. Palvi, Advocate for
Mr. Ishan Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Present writ petition has been filed for issuance of directions to the official respondents to take strict and stringent action against respondent No.7, Sarpanch of village Bijalpur, Bhawanigarh who in gross abuse of his powers and in abuse of process of law, wholly illegally and arbitrary cut the fully grown up trees standing on the land of the petitioner by illegally claiming them to be standing/encroaching upon the Panchayat land without obtaining any necessary permission under the law or without passing any valid resolution before the Gram Panchayat and further, misappropriated the wood/trees thereby, causing wrongful loss to the Petitioner/Gram Panchayat and further, grave loss to the environment and ecology, and committed serious cognizable offences under the enabling provisions of law and as such, conduct of official respondents in not taking any action against respondent No.7 and other private respondents is wholly

illegal, arbitrary, against the principles of natural justice and violative of Fundamental Right of the petitioner enshrined under the Constitution of India. Further prayer has been made for directing the official respondent No.2 to decide the representation dated 19.07.2023 (Annexure P-9).

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted before this Court that for the redressal of his grievances, the petitioner has already filed representation dated 19.07.2023 (Annexure P-9) before the respondents but no action has been taken on the same till date. He further submits that he will be satisfied if a direction is issued to respondent No.6-Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Village Bijalpur, Bhawanigarh, District Sangrur to decide the same in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion to official respondents at this stage.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Akshita Chauhan, DAG, Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 6.

In view of the above position, the present petition stands disposed of with a direction to respondent No.6, Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Village Bijalpur, Bhawanigarh, District Sangrur to look into the representation of the petitioner dated 19.07.2023 (Annexure P-9) and decide the same in accordance with law within a period of four weeks from today.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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