

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.21716 of 2023
Date of decision : 18.10.2023

Gurmeet Kaur @ Gurmit Kaur

..... Petitioner

Versus

Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. H. S. Dhandi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Petitioner has approached this Court praying for setting aside the order dated 27.03.2023 (Annexure P-8) passed by respondent No.2 vide which the petitioner has been placed under suspension from the post of Sarpanch and order dated 05.05.2023 (Annexure P-10) passed by respondent No.1 vide which application for stay of order dated 27.03.2023 has been declined, illegally, arbitrarily and against the facts of the case. Further prayer has been made for directing the respondents to reinstate the petitioner on the post of Sarpanch forthwith, as no inquiry has been completed till date in view of order dated 27.03.2023 (Annexure P-11).

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the appeal filed by the petitioner is not being heard by respondent No.1 which has caused serious prejudice to the petitioner, who is an elected Sarpanch. Learned counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that the petitioner

has been suspended on false and frivolous allegations without carrying out any inquiry.

Notice of motion to the 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 and 2.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the material on record.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it is apparent that the petitioner has already filed his appeal assailing his suspension from the post.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, the present petition is disposed of with direction to respondent No.1 to hear the appeal filed by the petitioner in accordance with law within a period of 20 days from today and decide the same expeditiously.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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