

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.22098 of 2023
Date of Decision : 03.10.2023

Harbans Singh and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Vipin Mahajan, Advocate
for the petitioners.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Present writ petition has been filed for holding the action of respondents in effecting recovery from the petitioners without following the procedure under Section 216 of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act and directing the respondent authorities to take final and conscious decision on the representation followed by legal notice dated 08.08.2023 (Annexure P-8) served by the petitioners for refund of Rs.4,14,000/- illegally and forcibly got deposited from the petitioners in violation of Section 216 of Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, without issuing any legal and valid order for recovery of the aforesaid amount.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that for the redressal of their grievance, the petitioners have already served a legal notice dated 08.08.2023 (Annexure P-8) upon 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.2-Director, Rural

Development & Panchayat Department, SAS Nagar, Mohali to decide the same in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Akshita Chauhan, DAG, Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

In view of the above position, the present petition stands disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Department, SAS Nagar, Mohali to look into the legal notice dated 08.08.2023 (Annexure P-8) 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