

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CWP-23605-2023

Date of decision : 17.10.2023

Manjit Kaur

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Harpreet Singh Jakhal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Petitioner has approached this Court praying for quashing the impugned order dated 24.08.2023 (Annexure P-1) passed by respondent No.3 in a very unlawful and arbitrary manner which deserves to be set aside in the instant petition due to political interference. Further prayer has been made for issuance of direction to respondent No.2 to decide the appeal bearing No.212/2013 titled as Manjit Kaur Vs. Director of Rural Development and Panchayat filed by the present petitioner within limitation vide which the present petitioner challenged the unlawful and impugned order dated 24.08.2023 in a time bound manner which is pending before its court since 21.09.2023 with a further prayer directing respondents No.4 and 5 for staying the execution of the impugned order dated 24.08.2023 till the disposal of the appeal bearing No.212/2023 or to pass status quo order till respondent No.2 do not hold its Court.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the appeal filed by petitioner is pending before respondent No.2 and the same has not been taken up for hearing.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Akshita Chauhan, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State. She has stated that the office of respondent No.2 at present is vacant and the new incumbent is likely to be appointed shortly.

Heard. After hearing counsel for the parties and perusing the record, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 before whom the appeal is stated to be pending, to take up the appeal, hear the parties on stay application and decide the same expeditiously as per law. Since no officer has been appointed in the office of respondent No.2 so the operation of the impugned order dated 24.08.2023 will remain stayed till the decision of the stay application as stated above.

17.10.2023
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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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