

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.23714 of 2023
Date of Decision : 18.10.2023

Amarpreet Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

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

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Present writ petition has been filed for issuance of directions to respondents No.1 to 3 to conduct high level probe or inquiry into the matter from some honest, upright officer and independent officer against respondents No.4 to 9, for embezzling/siphoning off and misappropriating the Panchayat funds/grants to the tune of Crores of Rupees by them in connivance with each other and also to get make re-assessment of the development works done during the tenure of the present Panchayat of village Dalam, Tehsil Batala from the official, outside the District Gurdaspur and after getting conducted such enquiry, to take departmental action against respondent No.5/Sh. Vipin Kumar, Block Development & Panchayat Officer (BDPO), Batala as well as respondent No.4/Sh. Satish Kumar, D.D.P.O-Gurdaspur for not taking any action into the matter despite making complaints by the petitioner to them and also directing

respondents No.1 to 3 to get the vigilance inquiry conducted into the matter from the Vigilance Department, Punjab and take criminal action against respondents No.4 to 9 including respondent No.8/Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat of village Dalam, Tehsil Batala and respondent No.9/Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat of village Dalam, Tehsil Batala after getting registration of FIR under relevant provisions of law for embezzling and causing huge financial loss to the Panchayat Funds/MGNREGA Funds of Gram Panchayat of village Dalam, Tehsil Batala during the period of 2018-2023 and also recover the embezzled amount of Panchayat Funds/MGNREGA Funds from respondents No.4 to 9 in accordance with law.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted before this Court that for the redressal of his grievances, the petitioner has already served a legal notice dated 29.08.2023 (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, Department of Rural Development & Panchayats, Punjab 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 3.

In view of the above position, the present petition stands disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2- Director, Department of

Rural Development & Panchayats, Punjab to look into the legal notice dated 29.08.2023 (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