

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

CWP-24727-2023

Decided on 20.11.2023

Gurpal Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr.Kulbir Singh Sekhon, Advocate, for the petitioner.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J.

Prayer in the present petition is for quashing the letter dated 17.10.2023 (Annexure P-1) of respondent No.6/Sub Divisional Officer, Panchayati Raj, Public Works Sub Division, Tarn Taran, vide which the enquiry proceedings against the petitioner has been initiated second time on same set of allegations, wherein, he has been exonerated by first enquiry officer and till date the same has not been set aside by any authority.

It has been contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that one Charanjit Singh son of Balraj Singh made a complaint against the petitioner and demanded detailed physical verification of work done by the petitioner since 2009 till date. He has submitted that on 21.07.2023, the DDPO marked the enquiry to respondent No.4, who conducted detailed enquiry after physical verification and found use of grants and work done by the petitioner was according to procedure and hence, found no irregularities committed by the petitioner. He has submitted that thereafter, a false complaint was made by Sakkatar Singh on 17.10.2023 on the same set of allegations and now again enquiry has been initiated and respondent No.6 marked the enquiry to respondent No.4 i.e. BDPO. He submits that the petitioner is being harassed by

multiple enquiries to be conducted against him. He has submitted that once the petitioner has already been exonerated in the earlier enquiry conducted, there cannot be another enquiry on the same set of allegations.

After hearing learned counsel for the petitioner and perusing the record, it is apparent that SDO, Panchayati Raj Public Works Sub Division, Tarn Taran has written to BDPO for conducting physical verification of uses of grants received since 2019 by present Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat. However, it is apparent from the impugned letter that till date no notice has been served upon the petitioner. Thus, this Court finds that the contention raised by counsel for the petitioner, for causing harassment to him by multiple enquiries, is pre-mature at this stage.

Thus, the present petition being pre-mature is dismissed at this stage.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

20.11.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No