

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

**CWP No.36530 of 2019
Date of Decision : 14.09.2023**

Manpreet Singh and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present:- Mr. Manan Khetarpal, Advocate for
Mr. Nakul Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Arun William, AAG, Punjab.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Present writ petition has been filed for directing respondents No.2 to 4 to initiate proceedings against respondents No.5 & 6 under Section 216 of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act for the recovery of financial loss caused to the Gram Panchayat amounting to Rs.3,06,800/- as respondent No.4 vide notices dated 10.04.2019 (Annexure P-2), 09.07.2019 (Annexure P-3), 26.07.2019 (Annexure P-4) has called upon respondents No.5 & 6 to deposit the said amount in the account of Gram Panchayat. Further prayer has been made to issue directions to respondents No.2 to 4 to initiate proceedings against respondents No.5 & 6 under Sections 87(4), 87(5) & 87(6) of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act as respondents No.5 & 6 intentionally not handing over the record of the previous Panchayat to the present Panchayat even after lapse of 11 months, even detailed representation has been given to respondent No.3 dated

25.11.2019 regarding the same, however till today no steps have been taken for the same and to issue the directions to respondent No.3 to decide the representation of the petitioners dated 05.11.2019 (Annexure P-5) as well as 25.11.2019 (Annexure P-8) in a time bound manner and further record of the previous Panchayat be recovered from respondents No.5 & 6 and further the embezzled amount of Rs.3,06,800/- done by respondents No.5 & 6 be deposited in the account of Gram Panchayat.

Learned counsel for the State has submitted before this Court that the requisite amount of Rs.3,06,800/- as prayed for by the petitioners in this petition has already been deposited by respondents No.5 & 6 in the account of Gram Panchayat and thus, this petition is rendered infructuous and the same may be disposed of as such.

In view of the submissions made by learned State counsel, nothing survives in the present petition and accordingly, the same is disposed of as infructuous.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

14.09.2023

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