

2023:PHHC:158561

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

CWP-27864-2023

Date of Decision: 12.12.2023

Nathu Ram

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Ashok Kumar Khunger, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition is for issuance of direction to respondents No.1 to 5 for taking appropriate legal action against respondents No.6 to 13 for misappropriating Panchayat Fund on the basis of the complaint (Annexure P-1) submitted by the petitioner. Further prayer has been made to direct respondent No.2 to initiate proceedings for removal of respondent No.6 from the post of Sarpanch in view of Section 20 of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 on the basis of letter dated 04.08.2023 (Annexure P-8) address to respondent No.2.

It has been contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that on earlier direction issued by this Court representation filed by the petitioner was decided by respondent No.3 vide order dated 22.09.2023 (Annexure P-10). He submits that respondent No.3 has sent the same to respondent No.2 and now the case is pending adjudication before respondent No.2 but the same has not been decided till date by respondent No.2.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Akshita Chauhan, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent State.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Director, Rural Development and Panchayat to decide the case of the petitioner in accordance with law within a period of two months from today.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

12.12.2023

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned :

Yes/No

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No