

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

CWP-29334-2023

Date of decision : 22.12.2023

Kesar Singh and others

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Sarju Puri, Advocate
for the petitioners.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present petition is for issuance of direction to respondents No.1 and 2 to conduct an audit of the accounts of respondent No.4-Gram Panchayat in terms of Section 97 of the Punjab Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 with regard to the grants/Financial Assistance received by the said Gram Panchayat from the government under various schemes during the period from 2018 to 2023 and to take appropriate action against the guilty persons/officials on the basis of the said report for misappropriation and embezzlement of the said grants and Panchayat fund in accordance with the powers conferred upon the competent authority as per the provisions of Sections 201, 204 and 205 of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994. Further prayer has been made directing respondents No.1 and 2 to consider and decide the representation submitted by the petitioners on 03.11.2023 (Annexure P-1) in this regard and to take appropriate action thereon forthwith as warranted by the

provisions of Sections 201, 204 and 205 of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that for the redressal of their grievance, petitioners have filed representation dated 03.11.2023 (Annexure P-1) before the Minister, Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab but the same has not been taken into consideration by him till date.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Arun William, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State. He has stated that in case the petitioners file representation before respondent No.3-District Development and Panchayat Officer, District SBS Nagar then he will decide the same as per law.

Heard. After hearing the counsel for the parties and perusing the record, the present petition is disposed of with liberty to the petitioners to file representation for redressal of their grievance before respondent No.3-District Development and Panchayat Officer, District SBS Nagar within one week from today and if they file any such representation, then respondent No.3 would deal with and decide the same as per law within four weeks from the date of its filing.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

22.12.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No