

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH

CWP-2886-2024(O&M)  
Date of decision: 08.02.2024

Sucha Singh and others  
... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others  
... Respondents

CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI  
HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL

Present: Mr. Surjit Singh Swaich, Advocate,  
for the petitioners.  
Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, Sr. DAG, Punjab.  
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ARUN PALLI, J. (Oral)

A mandamus is prayed for, to command the respondents to issue a Letter of Intent (LOI) for allotment of plot(s) in favour of the petitioners, as per their entitlement under the Land Pooling Policy 2020, issued by Government of Punjab, vide notification dated 05.01.2021 (P-2).

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners are co-sharers, and their landholding was acquired under the provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. He submits that for the petitioners opted for land pooling scheme, and applied for allotment of site(s)/plot(s) as per their entitlement on 08.03.2021, they were sanguine that respondent-authorities would issue LOI in their favour. Particularly, when other landowners, who were identically placed/circumstanced as petitioners, have already been issued the same. It is urged that prior to the institution of this petition, petitioners had even approached the respondent-authorities vide representation dated 20.10.2023 (P-7), but the matter has not made any tangible progress. Further, as a considerable time has elapsed, the rights/interests of the petitioners continue to suffer.

Served with the advance copy of the petition, Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, on behalf of the respondents-State, is present in Court.

At the outset, learned State counsel submits that as the respondent-authorities are alleged to be in seisin of the representation (**ibid**) submitted by the petitioners, it would be expedient if the petition is disposed of, at this stage, to enable the competent authority to deal with the concerns/grievances of the petitioners. And pass necessary orders, in accordance with law. Further, he submits that before any such orders are passed, the petitioners would be afforded an opportunity of hearing, and the matter shall be decided within a period of three months from today.

Learned counsel for the petitioners is agreeable to the course suggested by learned State counsel. And submits, let this petition be disposed of in terms of his statement.

In the wake of the position sketched out above, and in terms of the statements made by learned counsel for the parties, the petition stands disposed of.

Needless to assert that this order shall not constitute any expression of opinion on the merits of the case of either party, for, as indicated above, the competent authority shall examine the concerns/grievances of the petitioners, strictly in accordance with law.

( Arun Palli )  
Judge

( Vikram Aggarwal )  
Judge

08.02.2024  
Rajan

Whether speaking / reasoned:  
Whether Reportable:

YES/NO  
YES/NO