



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP No.18160 of 1999
Date of Decision: 19.07.2024

Balram Singh & Anr.
...Petitioners
Versus
State of Punjab & Anr.
...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present:- None for the petitioners.
Ms. Arundhati, AAG, Punjab.
Mr. Rahul Dahiya, Advocate,
for respondent No.2.

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G.S. SANDHAWALIA J. (Oral)

Challenge in the present writ petition, filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, is to the order dated 09.09.1999 (Annexure P-8) passed by the Commissioner whereby the order dated 29.04.1999 (Annexure P-6) passed by the DDPO-cum-Collector, Kapurthala, was upheld and the Commissioner came to the conclusion that the Collector should decide the matter finally within two months.

2. A perusal of the said order dated 29.04.1999 (Annexure P-6) would show that the Collector had initially tentatively recorded some findings regarding the status of the land while entertaining the petition filed by the Gram Panchayat. The dispute was whether the land is in the ownership of the Panchayat or not according to the revenue records



3. The said order had been challenged before this Court by the petitioners vide CWP No.10139 of 1999 which was dismissed on 27.07.1999 (Annexure P-7) on the ground that being an interlocutory order, alternative remedy was available.

4. In the circumstances, it is apparent that the tenure of the litigation has come to end since while admitting the matter only relief granted was staying the operation of the findings/order of the Commissioner (Annexure P-8). None has appeared on behalf of the petitioners and it seems that the petitioners are not interested in pursuing the matter any more.

5. Learned counsel for the Gram Panchayat submits that he has no instructions on behalf of the Gram Panchyat and is not aware whether the proceedings before the DDPO have culminated.

6. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of, as rendered infructuous.

(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No