

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-14600-2022
Date of decision : 07.02.2024

Murlidhar Yadav and othersPetitioners

versus

State of Haryana and others Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Parvinder Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Rajneesh Chadwal, AAG, Haryana.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present petition is for issuance of directions to the official respondents to take action in accordance with law, against the Ex-Sarpanch (respondent No.9), as till date no action has been taken against the said Ex-Sarpanch, despite the fact that as per the audit report dated 19.02.2021 (Annexure P-1) prepared by the Deputy Director Local Audit Haryana, it has been found that the said Ex-Sarpanch misappropriated and embezzled Gram Panchayat funds and has also not submitted the Gram Panchayat record till date, further even the Additional Deputy Commissioner-cum-CEO Zila Parishad Narnaul has also found that the said respondent No.9 has embezzled the public money, but till date no action has been taken despite his report dated 08.02.2022 (Annexure P-3) thus, the respondents-authorities are not acting against the said respondent No.9 despite repeated representations by the petitioners including one such representation dated 06.05.2022 (Annexure P-7).

Learned counsel for the respondents-State, on instructions, has submitted before this Court that on the complaint filed by the petitioners, inquiry was conducted by the BDPO and the allegations made in the complaint regarding embezzlement were found to be true by the BDPO vide his report/order dated 31.01.2022. He submits that this order was challenged by respondent No.9 before the Collector and the same is pending adjudication for 22.02.2024. He submits that after the decision of the appeal, further necessary action would be taken by the State.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that besides the allegations regarding embezzlement, there are allegations regarding destruction of the record by respondent No.9.

In view of the submissions made by counsel for the parties before this Court, the present petition is disposed of with direction to the Deputy Commissioner, Mohindergarh at Narnaul to decide the appeal pending before him expeditiously, preferably, within two months from today. In case the petitioners have any surviving grievance, they are at liberty to pursue their remedies as per law.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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