



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

CWP-19430-2024

Date of Decision: 12.08.2024

Anita Devi

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Lokesh Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Upasana Dhawan, AAG, Haryana.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

The instant writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India *inter alia* seeking a writ in the nature of Mandamus for directing respondent No.5 to comply with mandatory provisions of Section 66 of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, by convening an effective meeting of Zila Parishad, Bhiwani, for proper conduct of business as laid down under the Act.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, at the outset, submits that for redressal of grievance of the petitioner, she has moved representation dated 15.07.2024 (Annexure P-4) before the Additional Chief Secretary, Development and Panchayat Department, Government of Haryana, Chandigarh (respondent No.1 herein) but the same has not been adverted to

by the respondents till date. It is submitted that the petitioner would be satisfied at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to respondent No.1 to consider and decide the aforesaid representation.

3. Ms. Upasana Dhawan, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana appears on behalf of the respondents-State, in pursuance of the advance copy of paper book having already been supplied to her, and submits that in case any such representation has been submitted by the petitioner before the concerned authority, then the same shall be considered and decided by the Additional Chief Secretary, Development and Panchayat Department, Government of India, Chandigarh, within a period of four weeks.

4. Keeping in view the aforesaid submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the Additional Chief Secretary, Development and Panchayat Department, Government of Haryana, Chandigarh (respondent No.1 herein) to consider and decide the representation dated 15.07.2024 (Annexure P-4) filed by the petitioner, by way of passing a speaking order within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt/production of the certified copy of this order, after affording due opportunity of hearing to the concerned parties.

5. All pending application(s), if any, shall also stand closed.

12.08.2024*Apurva***(HARSH BUNGER)****JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No