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

**CWP-24590-2024
Date of Decision: 24.09.2024**

Gurtej Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Nikhil Anand, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Jatinder Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Petition herein is, *inter alia*, for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to grant reservation in the office of Sarpanch in Village Sohargarh Rattewala, Ferozepur, Punjab to the Scheduled Caste category/community members in terms of Section 12 of the Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, in the forthcoming elections, declared through notification dated 19.09.2024 (Annexure P-6), to be held by 20.10.2024.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that for redressal of grievance of the petitioner, he has moved representation dated 24.06.2024 (Annexure P-2) before respondent No.3 but the same has not been adverted to by the concerned authority, till date.

3. On advance service of copy of petition, Mr. Jatinder Singh Gill, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab appears on behalf of the respondents-State and opposes issuance of notice of motion. He further submits that respondent No.3 (Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Magistrate, Ferozepur, District Administrative Complex, Ferozepur Cantt., Ferozepur)/competent authority shall take decision either way, on the pending representation dated 24.06.2024 (Annexure P-2) of the petitioner within a period of two weeks from today.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner, keeping in view the aforesaid submissions made by learned counsel for the respondents-State, submits that he does not intend to press the instant writ petition any further, at this stage.

5. Keeping in view the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties and without commenting on the merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 (Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Magistrate, Ferozepur, District Administrative Complex, Ferozepur Cantt., Ferozepur)/competent authority to consider and decide representation dated 24.06.2024 (Annexure P-2) of the petitioner by way of passing a speaking order, after affording due opportunity of hearing to all the concerned parties, within a period of two weeks from today.

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

24.09.2024

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(HARSH BUNGER)

JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No