



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

122

**CWP-PIL No.81 of 2025
Date of decision : 21.4.2025**

Jagtar Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL**

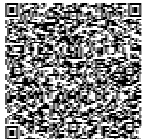
Present: Mr. Prateek Mahajan, Legal Aid Counsel and
Mr. Daanish Mahajan, Advocate, for the petitioner

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Senior DAG, Punjab

SHEEL NAGU, CJ. (ORAL)

1. This is a public interest litigation (PIL) praying for a direction to the State of Punjab to take suitable action against the former Sarpanch, Gram Panchyat Naraina-respondent no.2 and also against the former Sub Division Officer, Water Supply Department, XEN Office, District Fatehgarh Sahib-respondent no.4, for causing damage and destruction to public property and siphoning of school funds belonging to Gram Panchayat Naraina.

2. The petitioner had submitted a complaint dated 25.8.2021 (Annexure P-4) to the Deputy Commissioner who marked it to the District Development and Panchayat Officer (DDPO), who in turn directed the Block Development and Panchayat Officer (BDPO) to conduct an enquiry. Enquiry was conducted and report was submitted in July 2023 to



the DDPO, who is competent authority under Section 200 of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994.

3. The grievance of the petitioner is that no action thereafter has been taken at the level of DDPO. Hence, the issue involved relates to alleged allegations of construction of certain toilets which involves disputed questions of fact, which ought not to be gone into while exercising writ jurisdiction of this Court.

However, looking to the fact that enquiry report has already been submitted, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the District Development and Panchayat Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib to take a considered decision on the said report of the BDPO dated 25.4.2023 by applying his mind and pass a speaking order and communicate the same to the petitioner within a period of 60 days.

4. Disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

21.4.2025
Ashwani

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