

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

CWP-469-2017 (O&M)

Date of decision:- 11.09.2018

Vijay Bansal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KRISHNA MURARI, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present:- Mr. Ravi Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Deepak Balyan, Additional Advocate General, Haryana.
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KRISHNA MURARI, C.J. (ORAL)

This Public Interest Litigation has been filed seeking the following main relief:-

A writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to conduct the settlement of the Morni Hills area prescribed under Punjab Land Revenue Act, 1887, Punjab Settlement Manual in time bound manner and further to implement the recommendation of the report dated July, 1987 (Annexure P-5) of the committee headed by Sh. T.D. Jogpal, IAS, then Commissioner, Ambala Division.

2. A status report has been filed stating therein that Forest Settlement Officer was appointed who later on resigned. Learned Additional Advocate General, Haryana, on the basis of instructions from Mr. Dalbir Singh, Naib Tehsildar, has made a statement that thereafter Sh. M.P. Sharma, IFS, has been appointed as Forest Settlement Officer on 06.07.2018 and necessary infrastructure to function including office staff has also been provided to him and he has started functioning. Now

there appears to be no reason that the Forest Settlement

Officer shall not discharge his function whatsoever is assigned to him under the relevant Acts and Rules.

3. In view of the aforesaid fact, the Public Interest Litigation seems to have served its purpose and is not liable to be continued any further and accordingly stands consigned to record room.

(KRISHNA MURARI)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

11.09.2018
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No