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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision:30.07.2025

JORA SINGH

...PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

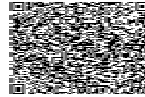
Present: Mr. Anmol Hayer, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikas Arora, DAG, Punjab.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J.

1. Instant petition has been filed for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus *inter alia* directing respondents No.2 to 5 to take immediate decision on representations dated 26.09.2019 and 21.03.2022, Annexures P-1 and P-2, respectively. Another direction has been sought to the respondents to demarcate and commence the construction of a storm motor drain.

2. Mr. Anmol Hayer, Advocate, submits that the petitioner is a resident of village Paddi, Tehsil Dehlon, District Ludhiana, who is aggrieved on account of non-construction of storm water drain, which exists in the revenue record since 1964-65. Counsel submits that due to the non-construction of drain, rainwater accumulates in the roads, fields, residential areas and there is a risk of flooding. He submits that petitioner has moved



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representations, Annexures P-1 and P-2, with the authorities, who are not taking any action. By referring to Annexures P-3 and P-4, he submits that an estimate of expenditure was prepared and demarcation of the land was approved, but the drain has still not been constructed.

3. I have heard counsel for the petitioner and considered his submission.

4. Although, it has been asserted by the petitioner that an estimate of expenditure has been prepared, but a perusal of Annexure P-3 shows that it is a covering letter enclosing some information supplied to the petitioner. There is nothing on the record to show that there is any proposal mooted by the respondent authorities to lay down the rainwater drain. Annexure P-4 is an intimation sent to the petitioner informing him that in case, he wants to get the land demarcated, he has to deposit the requisite fee. Again, it is not clear whether charges have been deposited. Petitioner has asserted that storm water drain exists in the *Akas Sajra* of the village, however, for reasons best known, *Akas Sajra* has been withheld and is not a part of the writ petition. Even the revenue record has not been placed on the record. Mere submission of representations, Annexures P-1 and P-2, which are stated to be pending, would not entitle the petitioner to invoke the extra-ordinary writ jurisdiction of this Court.

5. There is no merit in the petition, which is dismissed, though with no order as to costs.

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(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No