



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

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CWP-24516-2024(O&M)

Date of Decision: 11.08.2025

NATHU RAM

.....PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE LAPITA BANERJI**

Present:- Mr. A.K. Khunger, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Shekhar Verma, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Priyanshu Kamra, Advocate
for respondents No.8, 9, 13, 15, 17 to 19 and 21 to 27.

DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

1. Through this petition, a direction is sought to be issued to the official respondents to evict respondents No.8 to 31 from unauthorized possession of Panchayat land, in terms of the order dated 27.10.2022 passed by the Collector, Fazilka, in the proceedings initiated against respondents No.8 to 31, under Section 7 of the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961.

2. Learned State counsel informs this Court that 19 of the private respondents have filed appeals before the Commissioner to challenge therein the aforesaid order of the Collector dated 27.10.2022 and in such appeals, orders of *status quo* have been passed. He further submits that three of the private respondents have also filed similar appeals, which are listed for hearing before the Commissioner on 20.08.2025 and that qua the remaining



one respondent, possession has already been taken by the State, in terms of the order of the Collector dated 27.10.2022.

3. In the light of the above, we are of the opinion that the interests of justice shall be served by disposing off this petition with a direction to the Joint Development Commissioner-cum-Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh to finally dispose of the aforesaid appeals filed before him by the private respondents on the next date fixed before him i.e. 08.10.2025 or within four weeks thereafter, in accordance with law.

4. Pending application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

[DEEPAK SIBAL]
JUDGE

[LAPITA BANERJI]
JUDGE

11.08.2025

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable:</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>