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

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Date of Decision: 03.11.2025

Santokh Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present : Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Nirmaljit Singh Diwana, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

HARSH BUNGER, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, *inter alia*, for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus for directing respondents No.2 to 4 to take appropriate action against respondents No.6 to 9 (although in the prayer clause mentioned as respondents No.5 to 8) who have been elected as Panches of Village Hambowal, District Kapurthala on the ground that respondents No.6 to 9 have refused to work without any cogent reasons.

2. At this stage, learned State counsel has handed over a photocopy of order dated 28.10.2025 passed by the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab, which is taken on record, subject to all just exceptions. A copy thereof is supplied to learned counsel for the petitioner in Court today itself.

3.

Referring to the aforesaid order, learned State counsel submits



that the petitioner is the present Sarpanch of Village Hambowal and that prior to him, his wife, Smt. Kamaljit Kaur, had held the office of Sarpanch during the period 2018–2023. It is further submitted that respondents No.6 to 9 had sought details regarding the funds received and utilized by the previous Panchayat, and due to this, certain differences had arisen between the petitioner and the said respondents.

4. Learned State counsel further apprises the Court that respondents No.6 to 9 have undertaken before the Director that they will co-operate in all developmental works of the village. The order dated 28.10.2025 also records that in the event respondents No.6 to 9 fail to attend Gram Panchayat meetings without sufficient cause or cause any obstruction in the developmental activities of the village, appropriate action shall be taken against them under Section 20(4) of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994.

5. In view of the aforesaid stand taken by learned State counsel and in light of order dated 28.10.2025, no further orders are required to be passed in the instant matter and the same is, accordingly, disposed of.

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

03.11.2025

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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No