

124 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-38629-2025 (O/M)

Date of decision : 24.12.2025

Parminder Rani

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present :- Mr. Dhirinder Kamal Saldi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Nirmaljit Singh Diwana, Senior DAG Punjab.

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HARSH BUNGER, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in this civil writ petition filed under Articles 226/227 of Constitution of India, inter alia, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari for setting aside order dated 25.08.2025 (Annexure P-1), passed by District Development and Panchayat Officer, Ferozepur (in short 'DDPO'), whereby petitioner has been suspended from the post of Sarpanch of village Bajidpur.

1.1 A further prayer has been made for setting aside order dated 13.11.2025 (Annexure P-13), passed by learned Administrative Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Rural Development and Panchayats (in short 'appellate authority'), whereby learned Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur, has been directed to send a detailed report after getting the site inspected from a senior official.

2. Briefly, the petitioner was elected as a Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat Bajidpur. Apparently, the petitioner has been suspended from the post of Sarpanch, vide order dated 25.08.2025 (Annexure P-1), passed

by DDPO under Section 20 (4) of Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 (in short '1994 Act'), keeping in view the charge against petitioner regarding digging a pond in the land of Provincial Government and demolishing the boundary wall of the school ground; without taking approval from the competent authority.

2.1 Feeling aggrieved against suspension order dated 25.08.2025 (Annexure P-1), petitioner has already availed her remedy of statutory appeal under Section 20 (6) of 1994 Act; which is stated to be pending.

2.2 It transpires that during the pendency of said appeal, the appellate authority has passed an order dated 13.11.2025 (Annexure P-13), which reads as under :-

“Let Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur submit a detailed report after getting the site inspected from a senior official. The said report be submitted within four weeks. The appeal is adjourned to 11.12.2025.”

3. Aggrieved therefrom, the petitioner has filed this civil writ petition before this Court, seeking relief(s), as noticed hereinabove.

4. Heard.

5. Evidently, the petitioner was suspended from the post of Sarpanch and an appeal filed by the petitioner against her suspension order is pending before appellate authority. During the course of proceedings in the aforesaid appeal, the appellate authority has called upon learned Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur, to submit a detailed report after getting the site inspected from a senior official.

6. The grievance raised by petitioner is that the said order dated 13.11.2025 (Annexure P-13), passed by the appellate authority; calling upon a report from learned Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur, is

bad in the light of the fact that a detailed site report has already been submitted by Divisional Deputy Director, Panchayats.

7. I have considered the aforesaid contention raised on behalf of petitioner; however, I find no merit in the same. In case, the appellate authority; upon considering the attending circumstances, has felt the need to call for a detailed report from learned Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur, after getting the site inspected from a senior official, no exception can be taken to the same.

7.1 Further, since appeal filed by the petitioner against her suspension order, is pending consideration before the appellate authority, I refrain from rendering any opinion in this matter, lest the same may prejudice the case of the parties.

8. In view of above, the instant civil writ petition is dismissed, however with the observation that the petitioner shall be at liberty to take all pleas, as may be available to her in law, before the appellate authority at the time of final hearing of her appeal.

9. Pending application (s), if any, shall also stand closed.

(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

24.12.2025
sjks

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No