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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-2511-2026 (O&M)**Date of decision: 04.05.2026****Rasal Singh and another**

....Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. S.L. Chander Shekhar, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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

Mr. Vijay Kumar Chaudhary, Advocate with
Mr. Sahil Kumar Chaudhary, Advocate
for respondent No.4.

HARSH BUNGER J. (Oral)

1 Petition herein is, *inter alia*, seeking a writ in the nature of Mandamus, for directing the respondents No.2 and 3, to decide the complaint/representation dated 20.11.2025 (Annexure P-1) submitted by petitioners and to take appropriate legal action against respondents No.4 to 13 for embezzlement, misappropriation and misuse of MGNREGA funds by Gram Panchayat, Village Saidon, Tehsil Patti, District Tarn Taran.

2. Short reply dated 28.04.2026 has already been filed by way of affidavit of Mr. Gurmukh Singh, Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Patti, District Tarn Taran on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3, wherein in paras No.5 and 9, the following averments were made:-

“5. That, in the instant case, the petitioners have not stated the mode of serving the alleged complaint/representation dated 20.11.2025 (Annexure P-1). Moreover, on the receipt of the



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advance copy of the instant writ petition, the whole record checked and no entry of receiving the same is found in the registers maintained in both the offices i.e. office of the Deputy Commissioner, Tarn Taran and the office of the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Patti, District Tarn Taran, from 20.11.2025 to 28.02.2026. As such, the instant writ petition deserves to be dismissed on this ground alone.

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9. *That in compliance to the above letters, Hon’ble Joint Secretary, Development-cum-Commissioner MGNREGA, Punjab, vide Memo No.:1/63/2018/MGNREGA/NC-3/6304 dated 25.05.2023, appointed Sh. Inderjit Singh Dhaliwal as Lokpal (Ombudsman), District Tarn Taran, who joined the office of 25.05.2023, as is evident from the letter dated 08.06.2023 issued by the office of Additional Deputy Commissioner (P.D.)-cum-Additional District Program co-ordinator (MGNREGA), Tarn Taran. A true translated copy of the letter dated 08.06.2023 is being annead herewith as ANNEXURE R-3/2T and its true copy as ANNEXURE R-3/2.”*

3. Faced with this situation, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners may be permitted to withdraw the present writ petition with liberty to the petitioners to file a complaint under the MNREGA Act, before the learned Lokpal (Ombudsman), District Tarn Taran.

4. Ordered accordingly.

5. All the pending application(s), if any, shall also stand closed.

(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

04.05.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No