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

CWP-8163-2001 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 14.01.2026

Gurcharan Singh and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: None for the petitioners.

Mr. Harpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Petition herein is, *inter alia*, seeking a writ in the nature of Mandamus, directing respondent No.2 – Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab, to take action against respondent No.5 – Manjit Kaur (Sarpanch of Village Achhal, Tehsil and District Patiala) for her act of distributing the panchayat land/permitting the illegal possession thereof.

2. Learned State counsel submits that the present matter was filed way back in the year 2001 and, considering that the term of a Sarpanch is only five years, the term of respondent No.5 – Manjit Kaur, as Sarpanch of Village Achhal, Tehsil and District Patiala, must have expired long back.

3. Despite second call, there is no representation on behalf of the petitioners today. It appears that the petitioners are not interested in pursuing the instant matter any further.

4. Keeping in view the above, the present writ petition is

dismissed for non-prosecution.

- 5. All the pending application(s), if any, shall also stand closed.
- 6. Copy of this order be sent to the petitioners at the address(es) given in the Memorandum of Parties.

14.01.2026
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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

- 1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
- 2. Whether reportable : Yes/No