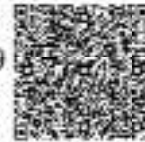


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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CWP-11081-2026 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 10.04.2026**

Ramanjit Kaur

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Amandeep Singh Rai, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Petition herein is, *inter alia*, seeking a writ in the nature of Mandamus, directing the official respondents to take appropriate legal and administrative action against respondents No.14 and 15, who, despite not being elected representatives, are illegally acting and exercising authority as Sarpanch and Panch, thereby usurping public office and interfering with the lawful functioning of the Gram Panchayat.

1.1 A further prayer has, *inter alia*, been made for directing the official respondents to decide the representation dated 13.10.2025 (Annexure P-5).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as regards the

relief claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has moved the representation dated 13.10.2025 (Annexure P-5) but the same has not been adverted to by the concerned authorities, till date. He submits that petitioner would be satisfied, if time bound directions are issued to the District Development and Panchayat Officer, Ludhiana/competent Authority to decide aforesaid representation dated 13.10.2025 (Annexure P-5).

3. At this stage, Mr. Nirmaljit Singh Diwana, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, appears on behalf of the respondent-State, in pursuance of the advance copy of paper book having already been supplied to him. He submits that the District Development and Panchayat Officer, Ludhiana/competent Authority shall take decision either way, on the pending representation dated 13.10.2025 (Annexure P-5) on its own merits, within a period of two months from today by passing a speaking order.

4. Keeping in view the above and without commenting on the merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the District Development and Panchayat Officer, Ludhiana/competent Authority, to consider and decide the aforesaid representation dated 13.10.2025 (Annexure P-5), in accordance with law, by way of passing a speaking order within a period of two months from today, after affording due opportunity of hearing to all concerned parties.

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

10.04.2026

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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No