

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH****CWP-16893-2026 (O&M)****Date of Decision : 26.05.2026**

Kewal Singh and Another

... Petitioners

Versus

Joint Development Commissioner (Panchayat Land)
and Others

... Respondents

**CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ALKA SARIN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMESH CHANDER DIMRI**

Present : Mr. Ankush Singla, Advocate for the petitioners.

ALKA SARIN, J. (Oral)

1. The present writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India averring therein that the petitioners have filed an appeal, which is pending before respondent No.1 – Joint Development Commissioner (Panchayat Land), Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab – alongwith an application for stay.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners has stated that the petitioners would be satisfied if a direction is issued to respondent No.1 to decide the stay application filed alongwith the appeal under Section 11(2) of the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961 in a time bound manner and till then their possession be protected.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Aman Dhir, DAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3/State. Learned State counsel is not in a position to deny

that despite the appeal having been filed in April 2026, the application for stay has not been decided by respondent No.1.

5. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.1 – Joint Development Commissioner (Panchayat Land), Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab – to decide the application (Annexure P-3) for stay expeditiously and in accordance with law and till such time as the application for stay is not decided, *status quo* qua possession be maintained.

6. Disposed off accordingly. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed off.

(ALKA SARIN)
JUDGE

26.05.2026
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(RAMESH CHANDER DIMRI)
JUDGE

NOTE: Whether speaking/non-speaking: Speaking
Whether reportable: YES/NO