



**293 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

CWP-6144-2015

Date of Decision: 18.02.2026

BALKAR SINGH

... PETITIONER

VS.

FINANCIAL COMMISSIONER, HARYANA (REVENUE) AND ORS

... RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Pardeep Singh Poonia, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Pulkit Dhanda, Advocate,
Mr. Yudhveer Hooda, Advocate and
Mr. Dharam Pal Saini, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Pankaj Mulwani, Sr. DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Sanjeev Sharma, Advocate,
Ms. Shweta, Advocate, and
Ms. Muskan, Advocate,
for respondent No.4.

HARSH BUNGER, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present writ petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of a writ in the nature of *Certiorari* for setting aside the order dated 24.01.2014 (Annexure P-6) passed by the learned Commissioner, Ambala Division, Ambala, whereby the learned Collector's order dated 23.11.2010 (Annexure P-2), appointing the petitioner as Lambardar (General Category) of the village Badsui, Tehsil Guhla, District Kaithal, was set aside and the matter was remanded to the learned Collector for a fresh decision.

1.1 A further prayer has been made for setting aside the order dated 10.03.2015 (Annexure P-8) passed by the learned Financial Commissioner,

Haryana, whereby the revision petition (ROR No.251/2013-14) preferred by the petitioner has been dismissed.

2. After arguing for some time, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that he does not press the instant writ petition on merits, so far as the challenge to the order dated 24.01.2014 (Annexure P-6) and order dated 10.03.2015 (Annexure P-8) is concerned, however, he submits that since the petitioner was appointed as Lambardar by the learned Collector way-back in the year 2010 and has been continuing since then, (in view of the interim order of this Court passed in the present petition on 01.04.2015); therefore, he prays that learned Collector may be directed to decide the remanded case in a time bound manner. He further prays that till the final decision by the learned Collector regarding appointment of Lambardar, the petitioner may be permitted to discharge the duties of Lambardar.

3. Learned State counsel as well as counsel for respondent No.4 have not opposed the aforesaid course of action.

4. In view of the above, the present writ petition is dismissed as not pressed, as regards the challenge to the order dated 24.01.2014 (Annexure P-6) and order dated 10.03.2015 (Annexure P-8) is concerned. However, since the matter pertaining to the appointment of Lambardar of the village Badsui, Tehsil Guhla, District Kaithal, has been pending for several years, the learned Collector is directed to make an earnest endeavour to decide the same expeditiously and preferably within a period of two months from the date of appearance of parties before him, after affording due opportunity of hearing to all concerned parties. It is directed that till the time a final decision is rendered by the learned Collector, the petitioner shall

continue to discharge the duties of Lambardar.

4.1. It is further directed that the learned Collector shall decide the matter purely on its own merits, without being influenced by any observations made herein or by the fact that this Court has permitted the petitioner to discharge the duties of Lambardar.

5. The parties are directed to appear either personally or through their respective counsel(s) before the learned Collector, Kaithal on 06.03.2026 or any other date as may be fixed by the learned Collector.

6. In view of the above, the present writ petition is disposed of accordingly.

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

**(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE**

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No