



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

CWP-17753-2025

Date of Decision: 09.02.2026

BALDEV SINGH

... PETITIONER

VS.

**ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT PUNJAB
AND OTHERS**

.. RESPONDENTS

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ROHIT KAPOOR**

Present: Mr. C.L.Premy, Advocate and
Ms. Amarjit Kaur, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Samdisha Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Parunjeet Singh, Advocate,
for respondent No.8.

ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed alleging that the respondents are indulging in illegal mining. The petitioner is the Ex-Sarpanch of the village. The allegation is against the present Sarpanch. As per the petitioner, the illegal mining is being undertaken without any valid authority.

Reply was invited in the matter. Thereafter the respondents have placed on record material to show that it is actually a case of renewal of the water body and cleaning of pond and not a case of illegal mining. Various documents alongwith photographs have also been placed on record to show that various amounts were spent and for the said purpose, the measurement book, etc. have also been annexed.

In the replication, the petitioner now states that the Sarpanch has acted illegally in carrying out various works without due authorization.

From the material placed on record, it appears that the petition has been filed with an intent to settle scores with the present Sarpanch. In the event any action has been taken by the Sarpanch without due authority of law, the aggrieved persons may always approach the concerned Deputy Collector in accordance with the provisions of law but for such reason alone, the cleaning of pond will not become a matter of illegal mining.

In view of the above, no ground is made out to interfere in the matter. Petition is dismissed.

Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA)
JUDGE

(ROHIT KAPOOR)
JUDGE

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