



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

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CRM-M-34218-2026
Date of decision: 19.06.2026

Gram Panchayat Village Rauwal Jafarpur
Versus

...Petitioner

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY

Present : Mr. B.S. Bhalla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

AARADHNA SAWHNEY, J.(ORAL)

1. Petitioner through authorized person/Sarpanch (Gram Panchayat of Village Rauwal Jafarpur, Tehsil and District Gurdaspur) has filed the present petition praying therein to direct the respondents No.2 to 5 to initiate appropriate proceedings against respondents No.6 to 8 and other unknown persons, who have illegally cut the trees from the panchayat land, resulting in huge financial loss.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that despite the fact that after the trees from the panchayat land were illegally cut by respondents No.6 to 8, the matter was immediately reported to the police authorities including a representation dated 29.05.2026 having been filed, but no action has been initiated till date. Thus, in crux the submission is that police are hand in gloves with the private respondents, hence the present petition.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner restricts his prayer to direct official respondents to decide the representation dated 29.05.2026 annexed as Annexure P-5 moved by the petitioner.

3. Heard. Documents on record perused.



4. Notice of motion.

5. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Gautam Thapar, Sr. DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and has no objection in deciding the representation filed on behalf of the petitioner.

6. In view of the request made by learned counsel for the petitioner and the averments made in the petition, without commenting on the merits thereof, the present petition is disposed of with direction to respondent No.4 to dispose of the representation dated 29.05.2026 (Annexure P-5), within a period of 4 weeks, from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)
JUDGE

19.06.2026
Hemant

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No