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

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Date of Decision: 10.03.2026

Narinder Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: - Mr. G.S. Bajwa, Advocate
for Mr. Simranjit Singh, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Aman Dhir, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking direction to respondents to decide representation dated 11.07.2025 in a time bound manner.

2. Gram Panchayat Village Dharar vide Resolution dated 06.02.2025 resolved to get its land demarcated. The Resolution was forwarded to Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Jandiala. On 17.04.2025, demarcation was carried out with the aid of DGPS. In the demarcation, it was found that Jagpreet Singh @ Jaggu son of Balwinder Singh and Satnam Singh @ Satta son of Baldev Singh have encroached upon village pond i.e. *Chappar* and land belonging to Gram Panchayat. The Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat in exercise of power conferred by Section 23 of Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 (for short '**1994 Act**') conveyed special meeting to discuss the matter of unauthorized possession over the Gram Panchayat's land. In the meeting, it was unanimously resolved to initiate proceedings under Section 34 of 1994 Act. Gram Panchayat issued notice dated 21.04.2025 calling upon the petitioner to remove encroachment from

the Gram Panchayat’s land and be present on 28.04.2025 at 10:00 AM. She did not come forward. She was served two more notices, however, she did not respond. The Gram Panchayat vide resolution dated 15.05.2025 resolved to remove the encroachment. Accordingly, the encroachment was removed on 22.05.2025. The petitioner preferred representation dated 11.07.2025 raising her grievance.

3. As per respondent, the order of Gram Panchayat is an appealable order. The petitioner has remedy to file appeal before District Development and Panchayat Officer (for short ‘DDPO’), however, she has not preferred appeal and approached this Court.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner’s representation and instant petition may be treated as appeal by Appellate Authority i.e. DDPO.

5. Faced with this, learned State counsel assures the Court that Appellate Authority i.e. DDPO would pass an appropriate order within one month from today.

6. Learned counsel for the petitioner agrees to the aforesaid arrangement.

7. The Appellate Authority i.e. DDPO shall treat petitioner’s representation and instant writ petition as appeal against the impugned order.

8. In the backdrop, the petition stands disposed of.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

10.03.2026
Mohit Kumar

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