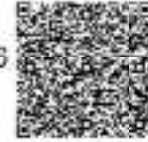


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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CWP-34928-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 29.01.2026

Karamjit Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

Financial Commissioner (Appeals), Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Rai Singh Chauhan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARSH BUNGLER J. (ORAL)

Petition herein is. *inter alia*, seeking a writ in the nature of Certiorari for setting aside order dated 24.03.2025 (Annexure P-16) passed by the learned Financial Commissioner (Appeals), Punjab, whereby the order dated 02.05.2023 (Annexure P-13) passed by the learned Divisional Commissioner, Patiala, has been set aside and the matter has been remanded to the learned Divisional Commissioner, Patiala, for deciding the matter afresh.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, at the outset, submits that he does not press the present writ petition as regards the challenge to the remand order dated 24.03.2025 (Annexure P-16) passed by the learned Financial Commissioner (Appeals), Punjab, is concerned; however, he prays that the learned Divisional Commissioner, Patiala, may be directed to decide the remanded case in a time bound manner and without being influenced by any observations made by learned Financial Commissioner (Appeals),

Punjab, in the aforesaid order (Annexure P-16).

3. Given the nature of order being passed, notice of motion is being issued only to respondents No.1 to 3, at this stage, and there is no necessity to seek any response from official respondents No.1 to 3 or even to serve private respondent No.4.

4. Mr. Nirmaljeet Singh Diwana, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State, and does not oppose the aforesaid course suggested by learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. Keeping in view the submissions made by learned counsel for the respective parties, the present writ petition is dismissed as not pressed. However, since the matter relating to the appointment of Lambardar of Village Malakpur Bet, Tehsil and District Ludhiana, has been pending for more than six years, the learned Divisional Commissioner, Patiala, is directed to make an earnest endeavour to decide the same expeditiously and preferably within a period of two months from today, after affording due opportunity of hearing to all concerned parties. It is further directed that the learned Divisional Commissioner, Patiala, shall decide the matter purely on its own merits, without being influenced by any observations made by the learned Financial Commissioner (Appeals), Punjab, in order dated 24.03.2025 (Annexure P-16).

6. The present writ petition is disposed of in the aforestated terms.

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

29.01.2026

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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE