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

CWP-36150-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 23.02.2026

Ranjit Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Ms. Isha Aggarwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Navneet Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Petition herein is, *inter alia*, seeking a writ in the nature of Mandamus, directing the official respondents No.2 to 7 to forthwith implement the departmental order dated 26.06.2019 passed by the learned Director, Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Mohali, and to remove the illegal encroachment from the petitioner's land and restore the same to its original condition, in a time bound manner.

1.1 Another prayer has been made for issuance of directions to the official respondents No.2 to 7 to recover the misappropriated amount of Rs.5,81,407/- from respondent No.8 Davinder Singh (former Sarpanch of Village Tahla Sahib), along with interest, in terms of the recovery notice

dated 22.05.2023 (Annexure P-4) issued by the learned Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Maur (Bathinda).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that insofar as the relief sought for removal of the illegal encroachment from the petitioner's land is concerned, the same stands complied with and possession has already been restored to the petitioner.

3. At this stage, learned State counsel, on instructions from Mr. Abhinav Goyal, District Development and Panchayat Officer, Bathinda, submits that with regard to the other prayer of petitioner, seeking recovery of an amount of Rs.5,81,407/- from respondent No.8 in pursuance of the notice dated 22.05.2023 (Annexure P-4) issued by the learned Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Maur (Bathinda), the concerned department is already in the process of initiating recovery proceedings by declaring the said amount as arrears of land revenue. He further submits that in all probabilities, the proceedings in question shall be concluded within a period of six months from today, in accordance with law.

4. Keeping in view the aforesaid submissions made by learned State counsel, no further orders are required to be passed in the present writ petition and the same is, accordingly, disposed of.

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

23.02.2026

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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No