



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

**CWP-11150-2024**

**Date of decision: 14.05.2024**

**Gurinderpal Singh and others**

**.....Petitioners**

**versus**

**Director Panchayat, Rural Development and Panchayat Dept.and  
others**

**..... Respondents**

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ**

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**Present :- Mr. Sherry K. Singla, Advocate  
for the petitioners.**

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**RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)**

Prayer in the present petition is for directing respondents No.1 to 3 to conclude the inquiry pending against respondent No.6 and further to take necessary action against respondent No.6 as per the provisions contained in Section 20 of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 as respondent No.6 has failed to perform the duties of Sarpanch and is therefore, liable to be dismissed/removed from the post of Sarpanch after conducting the inquiry into the complaints filed by the petitioners as expeditiously as possible, preferably in a time bound manner.

It has been submitted by counsel for the petitioners that the enquiry was carried out against the respondent No.6 who was Sarpanch of the Village for embezzling the panchayat funds. It is submitted that in the enquiry conducted, the guilt of respondent No.6 was established and embezzlement of Rs.94,659/- was found to have been established. He submits that despite a specific finding of the inquiry, no action has been taken by the official respondents against respondent No.6.



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Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Navneet Singh, Senior DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State. He, on instructions from Ms. Navdeep Kaur, DDPO Ludhiana has submitted that in pursuance to the enquiry, Rs.9,000/- and some articles have been recovered. However, further proceedings are pending before respondent No.2 and the same would be concluded on final decision taken by respondent No.1-Director Panchayat, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, SAS Nagar, Mohali.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with direction to respondent No.1- Director Panchayat, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, SAS Nagar, Mohali to conclude further proceedings against respondent No.6 which is already pending adjudication before him expeditiously preferably within three months from the date of receipt of copy of this order in accordance with law.

( RAJESH BHARDWAJ )  
JUDGE

14.05.2024  
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No