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

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Date of Decision: 25.07.2025**

Major Singh and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Bikramjit Singh Baath, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India *inter alia* seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus for directing respondents No.1 to 3 to take appropriate legal action against the Ex-Sarpanch- Mandeep Kumar (respondent No.12) and officials of the department (respondents No.4 to 11) for illegal mining in the ponds of the village and recover the financial loss suffered by the Gram Panchayat, due to illegal act of the abovesaid respondents.

1.1 A further prayer has been made for directing respondents No.1 to 3 to decide legal notice dated 10.06.2025 (Annexure P-6) and to take appropriate action against respondents No.4 to 12.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that as regards the grievance raised in the instant writ petition, the petitioners have already served a legal notice dated 10.06.2025 (Annexure P-6) upon respondents



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No.1 to 3, which has not been adverted to till date.

2.1 Learned counsel further submits that the petitioners would be satisfied, if appropriate directions are issued to the concerned authorities to decide legal notice dated 10.06.2025 (Annexure P-6) submitted by the petitioners, in a time bound manner.

3. On advance service of copy of petition, Mr. Nirmaljit Singh Diwana, Senior DAG, Punjab, appears on behalf of the respondent(s)-State.

4. Learned State counsel submits that in case, the legal notice dated 10.06.2025 (Annexure P-6) has been received in the office of respondent No.2 (The Director, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab), then the competent Officer/Authority shall take decision either way on the same, within a period of four months from today, after affording due opportunity of hearing to all the concerned parties.

5. Keeping in view the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, the present writ petition is disposed of accordingly.

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

25.07.2025

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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
2. Whether reportable : Yes/No