



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

**CWP-15927-2025
Date of Decision: 15.07.2025**

Som Lal Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Pardeep Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Nirmaljit Singh Diwana, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the instant civil writ petition filed under Articles 226/227 of Constitution of India, *inter alia*, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus for directing respondents No.1 and 6 to take steps to make recovery of an amount of Rs.15,15,099/- from respondent No.7-Smt. Sulakhni Devi, former Sarpanch, as the said amount was found to have embezzled by her during her tenure as Sarpanch of Village Shaowal, vide Assessment Order dated 13.06.2023 passed by S.D.O. (Panchayati Raj).

2. Mr. Nirmaljit Singh Diwana, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, appears on behalf of respondents-State, in pursuance of the advance copy of paper book having already been supplied to him. He on instructions, from Mr. Jeenat Khiora, District Development and Panchayat Officer, Gurdaspur, submits that as regards the issue of recovery from respondent No.7-Smt. Sulakhni Devi, former Sarpanch is concerned, the matter is

pending before the authorities for declaring the amount to be recovered by way of arrears of land revenues. It is further submitted that as regards the illegal occupation of Panchayat land by respondent No.7-Smt. Sulakhni Devi, the eviction proceedings have already been initiated, which is presently pending before respondent No.5-District Development and Panchayat Officer (D.D.P.O.), Gurdaspur.

3. Keeping in view the aforesaid stand taken by learned counsel for respondents-State, no further orders are required to be passed in the present writ petition.

3.1. It goes without saying that the proceedings initiated against respondent No.7 (Smt. Sulakhni Devi, Ex-Sarpanch) shall be taken to its logical end.

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

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

15.07.2025

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(HARSH BUNGER)

JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No