



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

(Sr. No. 113)

CWP No.5134 of 2025

Date of decision: 25.04.2025

Gram Panchayat Khaleta

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S. GREWAL**

Present : Mr. Bhwnesh Lakhera, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ankur Mittal, Addl. A. G. Haryana and
Mr. Saurabh Mago, DAG, Haryana.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

(1) Through the instant petition the petitioner – Gram Panchayat, Khaleta seeks issuance of directions to respondent No.3 – Assistant Collector, 1st Grade, Rewari (for short – AC) to expeditiously decide the application filed by the petitioner under Section 7 of the Haryana Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961 (for short – the Act) seeking therein eviction of the private respondents as according to the petitioner the private respondents are in unauthorized possession of the land belonging to the Gram Panchayat.

(2) Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the afore referred eviction application was filed under Section 7 of the Act by the petitioner in June, 2017 and even after the passage of nearly 08 years the same remains undecided.



(3) Learned State counsel, who appears on advance notice, offers no explanation for the inordinate delay of 08 years in the decision of the pending application and further submits that he has no objection to the acceptance of the petitioner's aforesaid prayer.

(4) Learned counsel for the parties have been heard.

(5) The petitioner's application filed by him under Section 7 of the Act is pending before respondent No.3 since June, 2017. No explanation for the inordinate delay in its disposal has been offered by the learned State counsel. Even otherwise, every litigant has a right to speedy disposal of the *lis* initiated by him-her/pending against him/her. A direction to adjudicate upon a *lis* expeditiously also prejudices none. Rather, a direction issued to decide a *lis* pending between the parties at an early stage is in the interest of the parties to the *lis*.

(6) In the light of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 – Assistant Collector 1st Grade, Rewari to finally dispose of the application filed by the petitioner under Section 7 of the Act within 02 months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, in accordance with law.

(7) The Deputy Commissioner, Rewari is also directed to conduct an inquiry into the afore delay of about 08 years. If in such inquiry it is found that any of the incumbents who occupied the post of AC between June, 2017 till date, have unnecessarily and without justified cause delayed the petitioner's application, disciplinary proceedings be taken against them, in accordance with the applicable service rules.

(8) Unjustified inordinate delay in the decision of applications filed by the Gram Panchayats and others seeking therein eviction of unauthorized



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persons from the land belonging to the Gram Panchayat is coming forth before us in several matters which not only is undesirable but is also against public interest. Therefore, Chief Secretary, Haryana is also directed to pass appropriate instructions to all the Deputy Commissioners in the State of Haryana giving therein a reasonable timeline to all concerned Assistant Collectors 1st Grade for finally deciding all eviction applications to be filed or pending before them.

(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE

25.04.2025

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(H.S. GREWAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No