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129 & 132 (2 cases)

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

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**Date of Decision: 29.08.2025**

**CWP-25357-2025 (O&M) *along with*  
CWP-25405-2025 (O&M)**

Kulwant Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

Financial Commissioner (Appeals), Punjab and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER**

Present: Mr. Jasbir Singh Mohri, Advocate and  
Mr. Karan Bhardwaj, Advocate  
for the petitioner(s) (in both cases).

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

Mr. J.S. Thind, Advocate  
for respondent No.4 (in CWP-25357-2025).

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**HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)**

This order shall dispose of two writ petitions, bearing CWP-25357-2025 and CWP-25405-2025 and for the purpose of passing this order, the facts are being taken from ***CWP-25357-2025***.

1.1 The present petitions (CWP-25357-2025 & CWP-25405-2025) have been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India *inter alia* seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of Certiorari for setting aside order dated 22.02.2023 (Annexure P-8) passed by the learned Commissioner, Jalandhar Division, Jalandhar and also order dated 19.05.2025 (Annexure



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P-11) passed by learned Financial Commissioner (Appeals), Punjab.

2. Briefly, the petitioner was appointed as the *lambardar* of Village Pakhoke, Tehsil and District Tarn Taran by the learned Collector, Tarn Taran vide order dated 10.03.2021 (Annexure P-5).

2.1 The learned Collector's order was challenged by one Sh. Jagtar Singh, who was also a candidate for appointment to the post of *lambardar* by filing an appeal before the learned Commissioner, Jalandhar Division, Jalandhar. Another appeal came to be filed by one Sh. Dilbagh Singh, who concededly did not apply for appointment to the post of *lambardar*. Both the aforesaid appeals came to be decided by the learned Commissioner, Jalandhar Division, Jalandhar vide a common order dated 22.02.2023 (Annexure P-8), whereby the matter was remanded to the learned Collector, Tarn Taran for passing a fresh order.

2.2 Being dissatisfied, the petitioner challenged the aforesaid order by way of filing two separate appeals bearing ROA No.52 of 2023 and ROA No.53 of 2023. Both the aforesaid appeals have been dismissed by the learned Financial Commissioner (Appeals), Punjab vide impugned order dated 19.05.2025 (Annexure P-11).

3. In the aforementioned circumstances, the petitioner has filed the instant writ petitions before this Court.

4. After arguing for some time, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner would not press the challenge to the orders dated 22.02.2023 and 19.05.2025 (Annexures P-8 and P-11 respectively) passed by the learned Commissioner, Jalandhar Division, Jalandhar and learned Financial Commissioner (Appeals), Punjab is concerned, however he prays that appropriate directions be issued to the learned Collector, Tarn Taran for deciding the remand case in a time bound manner and also that since the



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petitioner was appointed by the learned Collector, Tarn Taran to the post of *lambardar*, therefore, he be allowed to discharge the duties of the *lambardar*, till the matter is finally adjudicated by the learned Collector, Tarn Taran.

5. Learned State counsel and learned counsel appearing for respondent No.4 (in CWP-25357-2025) do not raise any serious objection to the aforesaid course being adopted.

6. In view of the above, the present petitions are ordered to be dismissed as withdrawn as far as challenge to orders dated 22.02.2023 and 19.05.2025 (Annexures P-8 and P-11 respectively) passed by the learned Commissioner, Jalandhar Division, Jalandhar and learned Financial Commissioner (Appeals), Punjab is concerned.

6.1 However, it is directed that the learned Collector, Tarn Taran shall decide the remand case within a period of three months from the date of appearance of the parties before the learned Collector, Tarn Taran. The parties shall appear before the learned Collector, Tarn Taran on 15.09.2025.

6.2 It is further directed that till the time the learned Collector, Tarn Taran finally adjudicates the matter pertaining to appointment for the post of *lambardar* of Village Pakhoke, the petitioner may continue to discharge the duties of the *lambardar*.

6.3 It is made clear that the learned Collector, Tarn Taran shall decide the matter purely on the merits and de merits of the candidates and without being influenced by anything observed by the learned Commissioner, Jalandhar Division, Jalandhar, learned Financial Commissioner (Appeals), Punjab in their orders dated 22.02.2023 and 19.05.2025 (Annexures P-8 and P-11 respectively) or by this Court and also by the fact that the petitioner has been permitted to discharge the duties of *lambardar* till the final decision of the learned Collector, Tarn Taran.



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7. The present writ petitions stand disposed of accordingly.
8. All the pending application(s), if any, shall also stand closed.
9. Photocopy of this order be placed on the file of another connected matter.

**29.08.2025**

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**(HARSH BUNGER)  
JUDGE**

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