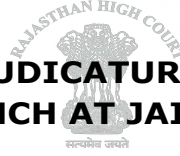




**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
BENCH AT JAIPUR**



D.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 4796/2026

Gram Panchayat Sorsan, Panchayat Samiti Anta, District Baran
Through Its Sarpanch Madhu Sadan Singh S/o Dhanop Singh R/o
11-A Keshav Vihar Vistar, Gopalpura Baipass, Durgapura, Jaipur,
Rajasthan (302018)

-----Petitioner

Versus

1. The State Of Rajasthan, Through Principal Secretary,
Deaprtment Of Rural Development And Panchayati Raj,
Secretariat, Jaipur, Rajasthan (302005).
2. The Director, Department Of Fisheries, Pashudhan
Bhawan, Tonk Road, Jaipur, Rajasthan (302015).
3. Office Of Fisheries Development Officer, Through The
Development Officer, Baran, Rajasthan (325205).
4. District Collector, Baran, Rajasthan (325205).

-----Respondents

For Petitioner(s)	:	Ms. Priyanshi Jaiswal
For Respondent(s)	:	Ms. Divya Rathore with Mr. Anshul Ranga and Mr. Prateek Saxena

**HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE MR. SANJEEV PRAKASH SHARMA
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SHUBHA MEHTA**

Order

28/04/2026

1. The present petition was filed by the Gram Panchayat Sorsan praying for allowing the Gram Panchayat to continue with the functions relating to fisheries and the ponds situated in area near the Panchayat. We allowed it to be regulated by the local Panchayat. While issuing notices, we had vide order dated 17.03.2026 stayed the effect and operation of order dated 27.08.2025, whereby a proposal had been issued by the Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department to shift back the ponds under the control of Fisheries Department of the State.



Upon notices being served, the respondents have filed their reply on 16.04.2026 and the respondents- Director, Department of Fisheries and the Fisheries Development Officers have submitted that on receiving a report from the Water Resources Department, the ownership of Sorsan in Khasra Nos.1435 and 1436 shall continue to remain with the Gram Panchayat Sorsan and the Fisheries Department would have no objection, if the Gram Panchayat Sorsan utilise the pond for water which is needed for cultivation or any similar activity aimed at generating employment for the local residence. It has also been stated that the respondents would not undertake fisheries contract in respect of the said reservoir.

2. We are satisfied with the reply filed by the respondents and find that the controversy stands resolved. The concerned pond shall now continue to be under the supervision of the Gram Panchayat.

3. We expect the Gram Panchayat to keep the pond clean as well as utilise it for the benefit of the villagers. No encroachment shall be made on the pond and apart from utilising it for growing chestnut it may also be utilised for fisheries. The water body should be maintained.

4. With the said observation, the present D.B. civil writ (PIL) petition stands disposed of.

5. All pending application(s) also stand(s) disposed of.

(SHUBHA MEHTA),J

(SANJEEV PRAKASH SHARMA),ACTING CJ