

Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961, Section 7 - Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulations) Rules, 1964, Rule 12(4) - Encroachers - Appellants were trespassers who illegally encroached on to the Gram Panchayat land by using muscle power/money power and in collusion with the officials and even with the Gram Panchayat - Such kind of blatant illegalities must not be condoned - Even if the appellants have built houses on the land in question they must be ordered to remove their constructions, and possession of the land in question must be handed back to the Gram Panchayat - Regularizing such illegalities must not be permitted because it is Gram Sabha land which must be kept for the common use of villagers of the village - The letter dated 26.9.2007 of the Government of Punjab permitting regularization of possession of these unauthorized occupants is not valid - We are of the opinion that such letters are wholly illegal and without jurisdiction - In our opinion such illegalities cannot be regularized - We cannot allow the common interest of the villagers to suffer merely because the unauthorized occupation has subsisted for many years.

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