

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

**CWP No.2883 of 2015
Date of decision: 18.2.2015**

Shubhdeep Singh Bittu

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY KUMAR MITTAL
HON'BLE MRS. SNEH PRASHAR**

Present: Mr.T.P.S.Makkar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ajay Kumar Mittal,J.

1. The petitioner has approached this Court under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking writ of mandamus for directing the respondent authorities to conduct the election of Ward No.24, Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib under the surveillance of CCTV camera and the videography. Besides, relief of security has also been prayed.

2. To maintain the secrecy of the election, no surveillance of CCTV and videography of the premises inside the booth can be ordered. As regards outside the booth, no notice of demand having been raised to any appropriate authority, the claim for writ of mandamus would not be maintainable. So far as plea of security is concerned, in the absence of any material to substantiate the fear in his mind more particularly as the representation was filed on 5.2.2015 with various authorities and nothing

untoward has been referred which might have occurred between that date till today, the apprehension of the petitioner appears to be unfounded.

3. After hearing learned counsel for the petitioner and examining the contents of the writ petition, we do not find any justification in entertaining the writ petition in favour of the petitioner.

4. Accordingly, the writ petition is dismissed.

(Ajay Kumar Mittal)
Judge

February 18, 2015
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Judge