

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

**CWP No.21503 of 2016
Date of decision: 17.10.2016**

**The Bajidpur Harizan Colony Co-operative Labour & Construction
Society Limited and others**

... Petitioners

Vs.

Registrar, Cooperative, Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK

Present: Mr. Raman Goklaney, Advocate
for the petitioners.

RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK, J. (ORAL)

Present writ petition is directed against the election programme dated 30.09.2016 (Annexure P-10) and also against the impugned zonal voters' list dated 06.09.2016 (Annexure P-9), whereby election of the respondent-Cooperative Society i.e. respondent No.5 is being sought to be conducted.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioners.

During the course of hearing, when confronted as to why the petitioners are coming to this Court at the eleventh hour and that too after 45 days of issuing impugned zonal voters' list (Annexure P-9), he had no answer and rightly so, it being a matter of record. As per the impugned election programme (Annexure P-10), date of filing nomination papers is 20.10.2016. In this view of the matter, the laxity on the part of the petitioners has left no time available to this Court for calling upon the respondents and then pass an appropriate order before the date of filing of nomination papers i.e. 20.10.2016.

If the petitioners were having a genuine cause of action, they were

supposed to be vigilant enough and must have approached this Court immediately after issuance of impugned zonal voters' list dated 06.09.2016 (Annexure P-9) so that at least a reasonable time would have been available to this Court to call upon the respondents and pass an appropriate order. Petitioners are only to blame themselves for this laxity on their part in coming to the Court at the eleventh hour. Further, learned counsel for the petitioners has fairly conceded that any alleged illegality committed in the conduct of elections, shall be a ground for challenging the result thereof. It goes without saying that if the petitioners are not satisfied with the election result, they would be at liberty to challenge the same before the appropriate forum, in accordance with law.

With the abovesaid observations made and liberty granted to the petitioners, present writ petition stands disposed of.

[RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK]
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No