

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

**CWP No. 27776 of 2017
Decided on : 12.12.2017**

Pardhuman Garg

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY KUMAR MITTAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT RAWAL**

PRESENT: Petitioner in-person.

Mr. Shireesh Gupta, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

AJAY KUMAR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner has approached this Court under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking direction to the respondents to ensure that Voter-Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) will be incorporated with EVMs in the ensuing Punjab Municipal Corporation and Council elections, scheduled for 17th December, 2017, for free and fair elections.

2. Learned State counsel submitted that the petition is not maintainable in the absence of proper and necessary parties, as the Election Commission of India, has not been impleaded as party respondent, therefore, the relief as claimed in the writ petition cannot be granted.

3. Faced with this situation, the petitioner, who appears in-person submitted that he may be allowed to withdraw the present writ petition with liberty to file fresh one for general directions after impleading the proper and necessary parties.

4. Dismissed as withdrawn. It shall, however, be open to the petitioner to take recourse to the remedies as may be available to him, in accordance with law.

**(AJAY KUMAR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

**(AMIT RAWAL)
JUDGE**

December 12, 2017
J.Ram

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No