

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Civil Writ Petition No.28331 of 2017.

Date of Decision: December 13, 2017

Jaspal Singh @ Bittu

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SURYA KANT.

HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL.

Present: Mr.Vivek Suri, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr.Rajesh Bhardwaj, Senior DAG, Punjab.

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Surya Kant, J. (Oral)

Notice of motion.

On our asking, Mr.Rajesh Bhardwaj, learned Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

Let six copies of the writ petition be handed-over to him during the course of day failing which this order shall be automatically recalled and the writ petition shall be deemed to have been dismissed for non-prosecution.

In view of the nature of order which we propose to pass, it is not necessary to seek any counter-reply from the respondents at this stage as no order prejudicial to their interest is being passed.

The petitioner is a candidate for election to the post of Councilor from Ward No.14 of Municipal Corporation, Patiala. He claims himself to be a candidate of Shiromani Akali Dal, a political party. It is averred that there is likelihood of rigging of votes of certain polling stations or alleged malpractice at the time of polling or counting of votes

are taken by the authorities.

It is also claimed that the petitioner is given a threat for his life and liberty at the instance of the opponents.

We have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Though there appears to be no substance in the allegations made by the petitioner especially regarding the alleged threat to his life or liberty at the hands of his opponents, nevertheless, it is imperative upon the Chief Election Officer, Punjab and the Director General of Police, Punjab to ensure that the elections are conducted in a transparent, fair and impartial manner. For this purpose, it is highly desirable that there be proper videography of all the polling stations at the time of polling as well as of counting of votes. Let these steps be taken by the District Administration, Patiala for the ensuing Municipal Corporation elections. As regard to threat perception, if any, to the petitioner, the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, is directed to assess the threat perception and take necessary steps as may be required in accordance with law.

The writ petition stands disposed of accordingly.

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[SURYA KANT]
JUDGE

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JUDGE

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