

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

[1] Civil Writ Petition No.28760 of 2017.
Date of Decision: December 16, 2017
Satish KumarPetitioner
versus
State of Punjab and othersRespondents

[2] Civil Writ Petition No.28761 of 2017.
Kamlesh RaniPetitioner
versus
State of Punjab and othersRespondents

[3] Civil Writ Petition No.28790 of 2017.
Gurmail KaurPetitioner
versus
State of Punjab and othersRespondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SURYA KANT.
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL.**

Present: Mr.Bhaskar Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner(s)
Mr.Rajesh Bhardwaj, Senior DAG, Punjab.

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Surya Kant, J. (Oral)

This order shall dispose of CWP Nos.28760, 28761 and 28790 of 2017 as in all these petitions, the petitioners have the same apprehension of malpractice, violation etc. in the elections of Nagar Panchayat, Khanauri Mandi, scheduled to be held on 17.12.2017.

Notice of motion.

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

Let five copies of each 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.

not necessary to seek any counter-reply from the respondents at this stage as no order prejudicial to their interest is being passed.

The petitioners are contesting elections of Nagar Panchayat, Khanauri Mandi, District Sangrur from different wards. Their apprehension in these writ petitions is that the election process is likely to be marred by malpractices, violence etc. They further allege that the election is not likely to be conducted in a fair, impartial and free manner.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties though we do not find any material on record to substantiate the petitioners' allegations, nevertheless, in the interest of justice and to ensure that the election is conducted in a fair and impartial manner, the authorities are directed to videograph the polling and counting of votes and assess the threat perception, if any, to the petitioners and take necessary remedial action in accordance with law.

Since the election is scheduled to be held tomorrow (17.12.2017), let a copy of this order be given *dasti* to learned State counsel during the course of day under the signatures of the Bench Secretary. The State counsel shall fax or e-mail the copy of this order to the Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur immediately for information and necessary compliance.

The writ petition stands disposed of accordingly.

[SURYA KANT]
JUDGE

December 16, 2017
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JUDGE

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