

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Civil Writ Petition No.28766 of 2017.

Date of Decision: December 16, 2017

Shakti Goyal and others

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SURYA KANT.

HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL.

Present: Mr.Rajesh Goyal, Advocate, for the petitioners.

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 five 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 petitioners are contesting the elections of members of Nagar Panchayat, Ghagga, Tehsil Patran, District Patiala, from different wards. They apprehend that the election process is not likely to be conducted in a fair, impartial and free manner. Hence, a direction is sought for videographing the election process.

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 of Ward Nos.2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12 & 13 of Nagar Panchayat, Ghagga, District Patiala 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, Patiala 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

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Yes/No

Whether Reportable

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Yes/No