

CWP No.11681-2018 (O&M) 1

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA, CHANDIGARH

**CWP No.11681-2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-09.05.2018**

Puja Devi @ Leelawanti @ Lilawanti

.....Petitioner

vs.

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT**

Present: Mr.Sandeep Singh Sangwan, Advocate for the petitioner

MAHESH GROVER, J(ORAL)

The petitioner questions the rejection of her nomination form. All her certificates record her name as Leelawanti @ Lilawanti but in the voter list her name appears as Puja Devi. Realising this mistake, she submitted an application for correction which was accepted on 17.4.2018 vide Annexure P-1.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that once the application for correction was accepted, the voter list should have been appropriately amended to incorporate her name as Leelawanti @ Lilawanti instead of Puja Devi. It is a specific case of the petitioner that an affidavit to this extent has also been submitted that Puja and Leelawanti @ Lilawanti are one and the same person.

Be that as it may, argument is that once the application for correction of the name had been accepted by the competent authority, it should have been reflected in the voter list so as to enable her to participate

in the elections.

Having regard to the aforesaid grievance when there is some material to show that the application for correction was moved and accepted by the competent authority but the change not effected, the petitioner's grievance could be said to have some substance but we would not comment on this aspect any further and leave it to the competent authority to have more information from the office of E.R.O. Considering that the elections are underway we deem it appropriate to dispose of the instant petition after noticing the grievance aforesaid.

Notice of motion and having the benefit of presence of Mr. Sandeep Moudgill, Addl. AG, Haryana we direct in his presence that the Returning Officer to get the appropriate inquiry done today itself and pass an order by tomorrow 3:00 P.M. The requisite information may be collected from the ERO and that apart the Returning Officer would also be within his means to satisfy himself about the identity of the petitioner on due verification.

Disposed of in above terms.

A copy of this order be given to the learned State counsel.

(MAHESH GROVER)
JUDGE

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(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No