

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

**Civil Writ Petition No. 23662 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 25.09.2018**

The Cooperative Bank Employees Federation,
State of Punjab, Bathinda

..... Petitioner

Versus

State Election Commission, Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Naveen Batra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

By way of filing the present petition, the petitioner (The Cooperative Bank Employees Federation, State of Punjab, Bathinda) (in short 'the Federation') seeks quashing of the letter/circular dated 11.09.2018 **(Annexure P-1)**, whereby the details of employees of Central Cooperative Bank, Bathinda, for assigning/deputing their duties in the Panchayat/Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishad Elections, 2018, have been provided.

It was contended that inspite of clear understanding that in view of the provisions of Section 129 of The Punjab State Election Commission Act, 1994, the employees of the Cooperative Banks cannot be deputed for election duty, yet the District Electoral Officers in various districts are summoning the employees of the Cooperative Banks for election duties in violation of the provisions.

Before issuing notice of motion, this Court, vide order dated

18.09.2018, had directed the State Counsel, Mrs. Anu Chatrath Kapur,

Additional Advocate General, Punjab, to seek instructions from the Office of State Election Commission, Punjab.

At the time of hearing, learned State Counsel, states that the present petition has become infructuous, as the Secretary, State Election Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh, vide its letter/circular even number dated 21.09.2018, has issued instructions to all the Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Electoral Officers in the State of Punjab, wherein in para-5, it is directed that the employees of Cooperative Banks/Societies should not be put on election duty, the same reads as under:-

5. “ In pursuance of provisions of Section 129 of the Punjab State Election Commission Act, 1994 and the orders of the Hon'ble High Court, it is directed that the employees of Cooperative Banks/Societies should not be put on election duty”.

A photocopy of the aforesaid letter/circular dated 21.09.2018 submitted in Court today is taken on record.

In view of above, counsel for the petitioner-Federation also concedes that nothing more survives for adjudication in the present writ petition and the same has become infructuous.

'Disposed of as Infructuous'.

September 25, 2018

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**

<i>Whether Speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>