

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

**CWP-23957-2018
Date of Decision : 18.9.2018**

Buta Singh Biaragi

.... Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU**

Present: Mr. Saurabh Kapoor, Advocate, for the petitioner

MAHESH GROVER, J (Oral)

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Suveer Sheokand, Addl. A.G.,
Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State.

Petition is based purely on the apprehension of the petitioner
that the elections of Zila Parishad in Moga are likely to witness
irregularities.

A prayer is thus made that adequate arrangements be made to
thwart any untoward incident, such as installation of cameras outside the
polling stations and also other adequate measures to ensure the safety of the
ballot boxes.

On due consideration, we are of the opinion that as on today the
petition is based entirely on an apprehension and we cannot straightway

presume that the sanctity of the election process would be permitted to be defied by the State or those responsible for maintaining the conduct of free and fair elections.

We cannot lend any credence to the apprehension of the petitioner, but keeping in view the fact that nobody can deny the necessity of fair election with no violence or irregularity, we deem it appropriate to direct the official stake holders involved in the process to take appropriate measures to prove the apprehension of the petitioner wrong. The official respondents would be free to adopt any or all such measures that may enhance the fairness of election process including the installation of CCTV etc. as suggested by the petitioner.

In view of the above, the present petition stands disposed of.

Copy of this order be given dasti to the counsel for the parties under the signatures of Special Secretary of this Bench.

[MAHESH GROVER]
JUDGE

[MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU]
JUDGE

18.9.2018
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