

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

CWP-8607-2017

Date of decision : 22.11.2018

Harjit Singh Mann

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. Surinder Garg, Advocate,
for the petitioner

Ms. Ambika Bedi, AAG, Punjab

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J.

Prayer in the present petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of a writ in the nature of Certiorari/Mandamus for quashing the action of the respondents vide which the respondent are trying to appoint Administrator for Gram Panchayat, Chak Giljewala.

Learned State counsel has circulated a copy of Notification dated 16.7.2018, issued by the Government of Punjab, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat for conduct of general election of the Gram Panchayats. The same is taken on record as Mark 'A'. She submits that vide said notification, the competent authority in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 29-A of the

Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 has been pleased to dissolve all the Gram Panchayats in State of Punjab with immediate effect and further authorize the Director, Rural Development and Panchayats-cum-Special Secretary to appoint the persons, namely, Junior Engineers, Social Education and Panchayat Officers, Village Development officers and Panchayat Officers, subject to their availability in the respective Block, as the case may be, during the dissolution period of each such Gram Panchayat (i.e. till the new elected body assumes charges of office) to perform all the functions and exercise powers of the Gram Panchayats and as such, the present petition has been rendered infructuous.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has not controverted the submissions made by the learned State counsel.

In this view of the matter, the instant petition stands dismissed as having been rendered infructuous.

22.11.2018

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned?

Yes / No

Whether reportable?

Yes / No