

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

1.

CWP-9384-2017
Date of decision: 17.10.2018
- Joginder Singh

...Petitioner
- Versus
- State of Punjab and others

...Respondents
2.

CWP-9693-2017
- Baljit Kaur

...Petitioner
- Versus
- State of Punjab and others

...Respondents
3.

CWP-9155-2017
- Baljit Kaur

...Petitioner
- Versus
- State of Punjab and others

...Respondents
4.

CWP-7039-2017
- Jagdish Singh

...Petitioner
- Versus
- Financial Commissioner, Punjab and others

...Respondents
5.

CWP-6729-2017
- Nirmal Singh

...Petitioner
- Versus
- Financial Commissioner, Punjab and others

...Respondents
6.

CWP-6744-2017
- Jaswant Kaur

...Petitioner

CWP-9384-2017 and other connected cases	2
Versus	
Financial Commissioner, Punjab and others	...Respondents
7.	CWP-4003-2018
Gram Panchayat, Village Bhattewad and another	...Petitioners
Versus	
State of Punjab and others	...Respondents
8.	CWP-28512-2017
Palwinder Singh	...Petitioner
Versus	
State of Punjab and others	...Respondents
9.	CWP-8229-2017
Jaswinder Kaur and others	...Petitioners
Versus	
State of Punjab and others	...Respondents
10.	CWP-11913-2018
Palwinder Kaur	...Petitioner
Versus	
State of Punjab and others	...Respondents
11.	CWP-9769-2016
Mohan Singh	...Petitioner
Versus	
State of Punjab and others	...Respondents
12.	CWP-121-2018
Harjinder Kaur	...Petitioner
Versus	

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr.Rohit Kapoor, Advocate for the petitioner
in CWP-9384-2017

Mr.Surinder Garg, Advocate for the petitioner(s)
in CWP-9155 and 9693-2017

Mr.MS Yadav, Advocate for
Mr.SK Singla, Advocate for the petitioner(s)
in CWP-7039, 6729, 6744-2017

None for the petitioner(s) in CWP-8229-2017

Mr.MK Dogra, Advocate for the petitioner(s)
in CWP-4003-2018

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in CWP-28512-2017

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in CWP-9769-2016 and CWP-11913-2018

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in CWP-121-2018

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in CWP-7039, 6729, 6744 & 9384-2017
for respondent No.6 in CWP-9769-2016

None for respondent No.5 in CWP-11913-2018

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in CWP-28512-2017

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J.

This judgment shall dispose of the abovementioned twelve writ
petitions in which common questions of law and facts are involved.

In CWP-28512-2017 and CWP-4003-2018, replies on behalf of the respondent-State have been filed. The same are taken on record.

Learned counsel for the State has circulated 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'. He submits that vide said Notification dated 16.7.2018, 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 authorise 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 petitions have been rendered infructuous.

Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) have not controverted the submissions made by the learned State counsel.

In this view of the matter, all the petitions stand dismissed as having been rendered infructuous.

However, if any grievance still subsists, the petitioner(s) shall have the liberty to make a representation before the competent authority,

which shall look into the same and take a decision expeditiously.

A photocopy of this order be placed on the files of the connected cases.

17.10.2018
gsv

(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned?
Whether reportable?

Yes / No
Yes / No