

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

**CWP-9454-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision:11.04.2019**

Khalsa College Charitable Society & others ... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others ... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present: Mr. APS Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Sahil Sharma, DAG, Punjab.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

The Khalsa College Charitable Society, Amritsar is stated to be running a number of educational institutions. Such institutions have been arrayed as petitioners No.2 to 8.

Challenge in the instant writ petition is to the action of the respondent/authorities under the State of Punjab whereby the buildings/premises of the educational institutions listed as petitioners No.2 to 8 have been requisitioned/occupied for the purpose of establishing strong rooms and for keeping vote counting machines, keeping in view the general elections for the Lok Sabha, General Assembly slated for 19.05.2019 in the State of Punjab.

Counsel representing the petitioners at the very outset makes a submission that he would not be pressing the instant writ petition qua the institutions at Sr. Nos.3, 7 and 8.

A complete copy of the writ paper book already stood served on the respondent/authorities and learned State counsel upon instructions from

Sh. Amandeep Singh, Election Tehsildar, Amritsar has furnished a tabulation and as per which the premises/halls requisitioned for the elections in the petitioner/institutions have been detailed. Copy of such tabulation has even been furnished to learned counsel for the petitioners. The relevant extract of the tabulation reads in the following terms:

“Total number of Rooms/Halls requisitioned for the elections in the petitioners institutes.

As per report received from the concerned AROs, the number of halls/ rooms required for counting and storage of EVMs in petitioners' institutions are as under:-

No. & Name of A.C.	Particulars of building for counting centre	No. of Hall/Rooms uses for Elections
16-Amritsar West (SC)	Khalsa College, Amritsar	7 Rooms and 1 Hall
18-Amritsar East	Khalsa College for Women, Amritsar	7 Rooms and 2 Halls
19-Amritsar South	Khalsa College for Pharmacy, Amritsar	10 Rooms

Insofar as Khalsa College for Nursing, G.T. Road, Amritsar/ petitioner No.5 is concerned, learned State counsel upon instructions from the official who is present in Court makes a statement that such College has since been exempted and as such no premises/halls of such College would be utilized.

In the light of such categorical stand taken on behalf of the State, no further directions are required to be passed.

State Government would be bound in terms of the details furnished in the tabulation as reproduced herein above and the respondent/ authorities would be entitled to utilize the premises of respondent Nos.2, 4 and 6/Colleges confined to the details furnished in the tabulation.

Writ petition is disposed of.

Pending applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

11.04.2019

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(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |