

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

CWP-16769-2019

Date of decision : 19.06.2019

Surinder Kaur and others

.... Petitioners

Versus

Union of India and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL**

Present: Mr. Puneet Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J (ORAL)

Petitioners who were 11 in number, are contesting the elections that is slated for 21.06.2019 pertaining to 11 wards of Municipal Council, Bhadson, Tehsil Nabha, District Patiala.

In the petition, an apprehension is voiced that the election process may not be conducted in a fair, impartial and free manner.

Even though a number of prayers have been raised in the petition, but during the course of arguments, counsel would confine to scope of the instant petition only for issuance of direction for videographing the election process.

In support of such prayer, counsel has even referred to an order dated 16.12.2017 (Annexure P-10) passed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court while disposing of CWP No.28764 of 2017 (Rajinder Singh Virk vs. State of Punjab and others).

Notice of motion.

Ms. Gehna Vaishnavi, Advocate for Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1-UOI.

Mr. Pankaj Gupta, Additional Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.2 to 7.

With the consent of the counsel for the parties, the writ petition is taken up for disposal, today itself.

Having heard counsel for the parties and even though we do not find any material on record to substantiate the petitioners' allegations/apprehensions, nevertheless, in the interest of justice and to ensure that the elections are conducted in a fair and impartial manner, the authorities concerned are directed to videograph the polling and counting of votes pertaining to the 11 wards of Municipal Council, Bhadson, Tehsil Nabha, District Patiala in the election process which is to take place on 21.06.2019.

A copy of this order be given to the counsel under the signature of Bench Secretary so as to ensure compliance.

The writ petition is disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No