

211 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-33514-2018
Decided on : 02.07.2019

Rajbeer Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and ors.

..... Respondents

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL**

Present : Mr. V.K.Sandhir, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. I.P.S.Doabia, Addl. AG, Punjab.

Rajan Gupta, J.

Present petition contains the prayer for quashing of notification dated 06.12.2018 (Annexure P-5) whereby vacancy of Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat, Village Dhande, Gurdaspur has been reserved from Women category consecutively for the second time. Petitioner has impugned the same stating that the same is arbitrary and against the law laid down by this Court in the case titled as “*Harmeet Singh vs. Punjab State Election Commission and others, 2009(1) RCR (Civil) 148.*”

Short reply has been filed on behalf of the State. It has been stated therein that the election of the gram panchayats were conducted on 30.12.2018 and new members of the gram panchayats have been elected. The members of the gram panchayats have taken oath and are performing their duties. According to them, the present petition has been rendered infructuous.

In view of the fact that the election has already been held, this

Court does not intend to delve deeper into the issue. The notification in question was issued on 06.12.2018 and pursuant to same, elections to the concerned gram panchayat have already been held.

Learned State counsel assures that the State shall act in accordance with the Punjab State Election Commission Act, 1994 while taking any decision with regard to reservation in respect of gram panchayats.

Under these circumstances, no cause of action survives in the present petition. Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of.

(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable :	Yes/No