

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

Sr. No.121

CWP-2926-2021

Date of Decision: 09.02.2021

ASHOK KUMAR AND OTHERS

... Petitioners

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS

... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ARCHANA PURI**

Present: Mr. Lupil Gupta, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

SANJAY KUMAR, J.

The grievance of the petitioners is that the election process relating to the Municipal Council of Fazilka, Tehsil and District Fazilka, is under threat and there is imminent danger to the lives and liberty of the petitioners who are contesting the said election. The petitioners submitted representation dated 06.02.2021 in this regard to various authorities, including the State Election Commission, Punjab.

Mr. Surinder Pal Singh Tinna, learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, took notice for respondent Nos.2 and 3 and Mr. Satyapal Jain, learned Additional Solicitor General for India, assisted by Mr. Sunil Kumar Sharma, learned counsel, took notice for respondent No.1-Union of India.

Mr. Surinder Pal Singh Tinna, learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, on instructions received from Mr. Keshav

Goyal, SDM-cum-Election Officer, Fazilka, would inform this Court that the election authorities have already taken note of the petitioners' representation and declared certain polling booths as sensitive and certain other booths as super-sensitive. He would further state that the police authorities have been approached by the election authorities to ensure that law and order is maintained during the election process.

In the light of the aforesaid submissions, this Court sees no reason to entertain this writ petition for adjudication on merits. The writ petition is accordingly disposed of directing the State Election Commission, Punjab, to take appropriate measures on the strength of the petitioners' representation dated 06.02.2021, as warranted, to ensure that the election is held in a free and fair manner.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

(ARCHANA PURI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No