

CWP-3254-2021

Date of decision: 12.02.2021

SURESH BHATIA AND ANR.

...PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS.

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURIPresent: Mr. Nakul Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. SPS. Tinna, Additional A.G., Punjab.

JITENDRA CHAUHAN ,J. (ORAL)

The matter has been taken up through Video Conferencing in the light of Pandemic COVID-19 situation and as per instructions.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that petitioner No.1 had accompanied petitioner No.2 to the Returning Officer, Batala, wherein he was man-handled and given slaps by the private respondents. No action has been initiated on the complaint/representation dated 04.02.2021 (Annexure P-3) filed by petitioner No.1 and complaint/representation dated 05.02.2021 (Annexure P-5) moved by petitioner No.2. to respondent No.3-Senior Superintendent of Police, Police District Batala District Gurdaspur.

With regard to the prayer for videography, learned State counsel informs that the whole district has been divided into three segments keeping in view the sensitivity of the area. On assessment, if there is apprehension, the competent authority will take all necessary actions including the videography outside and inside of the polling booth if situation so arise.

In view of the assertion of the learned State counsel we are not inclined to examine the issue of videography at this stage with regard to manhandling of the petitioner. Without adverting to the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3-Senior Superintendent of Police, Police District Batala District Gurdaspur. to consider and decide the representations dated 04.02.2021 (Annexure P-3) and 05.02.2021 (Annexure P-5) expeditiously after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners.

(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No