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

CWP-3210-2021

Date of decision: 11.02.2021

Paramjit Kaur and others

.....Petitioners.

vs.

Union of India and others

.....Respondents.

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

Present: - Mr. Veneet Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. S.P. Jain, Additional Solicitor General for India with
Ms. Saigeeta Srivastva, Central Government Counsel,
for respondent No. 1.

Mr. S.P. S. Tinna, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

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Sanjay Kumar, J.

The petitioners are candidates in the elections to the Nagar Panchayat, Bhikhiwind, District Tarn Taran, scheduled to be held on 14.02.2021.

By way of this writ petition, they seek a direction to the authorities to ensure conduct of free and fair elections and to also provide them security. Representations seem to have been made by them to the Election Commission, Punjab, in this regard and the Returning Officer addressed letter dated 09.02.2021 to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Tarn Taran, requesting him to provide adequate security to the candidates who were contesting the subject elections.

Mr. S.P.S. Tinna, learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, appearing for the respondent authorities, would assure this Court that appropriate action would be taken on the strength of the petitioners' representation and also the letter addressed by the Returning Officer, referred to *supra*, so as to ensure free and fair elections without any untoward incidents and without a threat to law and order.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of directing the respondent authorities to take suitable measures, as deemed fit, to ensure that the elections are held in a free and fair manner without any threat to the security of the candidates and without disturbance to law and order.

No order as to costs.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

(ARCHANA PURI)
JUDGE

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