

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

CWP No. 3251 of 2021

Date of decision : 12.2.2021

Ishwarpartap Singh Toor

.... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

**Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jaswant Singh
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sant Parkash**

Present Mr. Jagjot Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. Suveer Shoekand, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

[The aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing
since the proceedings are being conducted in virtual court.]

Jaswant Singh, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is one of the Contestants for the election as a Member of the Municipal Committee, Jagraon, from Ward No. 22, as an independent candidate.

It is averred that respondent no.5 -Shri Jatinderpal alias Rana, who is a contestant from the same ward on the Congress Party ticket, is a notorious person involved in many criminal cases. He is also stated to be a close relative of a Cabinet Minister in the present Government of State of Punjab.

The limited prayer of the petitioner is for issuance of Mandamus directing the Election Commission Authorities to install CCTV Cameras in the Polling Booths for Ward No. 22, as the petitioner apprehends booth capturing.

Yesterday when the case was listed, we directed the learned State counsel to seek instructions in the matter from the Election Commission Authorities concerned.

At the time of resumed hearing today, learned State counsel submits that in view of the directions given in Para 6, Clause (v) of judgment dated 24.5.2012 delivered by a Division Bench of this Court in CWP No. 9601 of 2012 – Krishan Kumar Sharma and others vs State of Punjab and others, the State Election Commission, Punjab, has issued directions on 29.1.2021, directing the Returning Officers to permit the videography by the candidates at their own expenses outside the polling booths of their respective wards. He further states that in the present case the same order has been passed, and in case if not passed, would be passed today itself.

In view of the aforesaid stand of the State through the learned State counsel, learned counsel for the petitioner states that nothing more survives for adjudication in the present case.

The writ petition stands disposed of in the above terms.

The State shall be bound by its aforesaid stand.

(Jaswant Singh)
Judge

12.2.2021
vs

(Sant Parkash)
Judge

Whether speaking/ reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No