

CWP-3432-2021

Date of decision: 12.02.2021

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...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS.

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURIPresent: Mr. Dilpreet Singh Gandhi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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.

This civil writ petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India has been filed for issuance of a direction to respondent No.3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner and her family members and to conduct the elections under videography of booth Nos.20 and 21.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that at this stage he would be satisfied, if a direction is issued to respondent No.3- Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala to consider and decide the representation dated 09.02.2021 (Annexure P-5) expeditiously.

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.

Learned State counsel has circulated copy of the instructions issued vide letter No. SEC-SAM-2021/1584-1605 dated 29.01.2021 keeping in view the judgment dated 24.05.2012 passed by this Court in CWP No. 9601 of 2012 titled as Krishan Kumar Sharma and others Versus State of Punjab and others with regard to the videography outside the polling stations during Municipalities/Panchayat elections. The same are taken on record as Mark 'A'. Further, without adverting to the merits of the case, respondent No.3-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala is directed to consider and examine the representation dated 09.02.2021 (Annexure P-5) of the petitioner expeditiously and to take all necessary steps under law to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner.

Disposed of accordingly.

(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

12.02.2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No