

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

213(2)

**CWP-5539-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision: 03.12.2021**

MAHA SINGH AND ORS.

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS.

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. G.S.Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioners

Mr. Kanisth Ganeriwala, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Nakul Sharma, Advocate
for respondents No.5 to 15.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J (Oral)

Through this writ petition, the petitioners pray for issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari to quash the order Annexure P-2, whereby respondent no.5 (an elected Panch) was requested to look after the work of Sarpanch since the elected Sarpanch has died.

The learned counsel representing the petitioners contends that as per Section 22 of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, if a vacancy arises on account of death of a Sarpanch, then fresh elections for the office of Sarpanch are required to be held.

The learned counsel representing the State of Punjab does not dispute the aforesaid fact, however, states that the general elections for electing the legislative members are likely to be held in the month of February, 2022. He further submits that the moment the general elections are completed, the State shall take steps to hold elections for the office of Sarpanch. He also undertakes that the same shall be completed by the end of April, 2022.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, no further order is required to be passed.

Disposed of accordingly.

All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

December 03, 2021

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No