

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

CWP No. 8262 of 2021

Date of Decision: 09.04.2021

Ranvir Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANT PARKASH**

Present: Mr. Aman Pal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Suveer Sheokhand, Addl. A.G.Punjab.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

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

Ranvir Singh (petitioner) belongs to Backward Class Category, and was elected as counsellor from Ward No. 14, Municipal Council, Patran, which was open for all i.e. General Category. The petitioner is desirous of contesting for the office of President/Vice President of the Municipal Council Patran, which is stated to be reserved for the members of the Backward Class Category. The grievance is directed against Clause 7 of the instructions dated 01.04.2021 (Annexure P-3), whereby the petitioner is being denied the right to contest for the office of President as a Backward Class candidate on account of having been elected from a ward meant for General Category. Hence, the present petition challenging the said clause.

At the outset, Mr. Suveer Sheokhand, learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab on instructions from Puneet Goyal, Director, Local Bodies, Punjab, undertakes that the offending clause shall be deleted before the exercise of the conduct of the election to the office of President

In response, learned counsel for the petitioner concedes that nothing more survives for adjudication in this petition.

Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of as having been rendered infructuous.

The respondent-State shall be bound by their stand made through learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

(SANT PARKASH)
JUDGE

09.04.2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No