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

CWP-19281-2022

Date of Decision: 31.08.2022

GURBACHAN SINGH

.... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Shiv Kumar, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)

This is a petition that has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondent No.2 to decide the application dated 23.07.2020, Annexure P-1, which is pending before him regarding division of “Dirba Multipurpose Cooperative Agricultural Service Society Limited” as per Section 13 of the Punjab Cooperative Societies Act, 1961.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner would contend that 350 members of the aforesaid Cooperative Society had filed a representation/application before respondent No.2 asking for the division/registration of a new society keeping in view the agricultural and household requirements. It is submitted that despite having filed representation, no action was taken thereon and now election process has been initiated. He

would pray that the representation/application be decided expeditiously and till it is decided, the election process be stayed.

Notice of motion to the official respondents only.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Deepali Puri, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of official respondents. She, on instructions from Inspector Tejinder Singh, Cooperative Department, would submit that in fact the election process is already underway and therefore, it would not be possible for staying the said election, however, the representation/application that has been filed will be decided positively within a week.

Without commenting on merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation/application dated 23.07.2020, Annexure P-1, which is pending consideration before him, within a week from today, in accordance with law.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

31.08.2022

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	Whether Reportable:	Yes/No