

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

CWP-23282-2022

Date of decision: 12.10.2022

Suman Devi

....Petitioner

V/s.

State of Haryana and another

....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NIDHI GUPTA**

Present: Mr. Kamal Kant, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ankur Mittal, Addl.A.G., Haryana with
Mr. Saurabh Mago, A.A.G., Haryana.

Ritu Bahri, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking writ of certiorari for quashing/setting aside impugned list dated 21.09.2022(Annexure P-2) issued by respondent No. 2 or direction to respondent No. 2 for preparing a fresh single list of Gram Panchayats in Block Nilokheri, Karnal after amalgamating Scheduled Caste and Unreserved categories and then reserve the seats for 'Women'.

The grievance of the petitioner is that as per order dated 21.09.2022 (Annexure P-2), village Anjalthali at Sr. No. 3 (at page No. 26 of the paper-book) has been reserved for 'other than women'.

Learned counsel for the State has referred to the notification dated 25.08.2020 wherein as per amended Section 9 (3) of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 “a woman who is otherwise qualified to be elected shall be allowed to contest only from such a ward of a Gram Panchayat that receives an even number in the

sequential numbering arrived at for that group under sub-Section (1) and a person other than a woman who is otherwise qualified to be elected shall be allowed to contest only from such a ward of a Gram Panchayat that receives an odd number in the sequential numbering arrived at for that group under sub-section (1) in any general elections and vice versa in the next general elections.”

In the present case, learned counsel for the State submits that the sequential numbering of the village Anjalthali which is at Sr. No. 3 is 3 as reflected in order dated 21.09.2022 (Annexure P-2). Hence, this village has been reserved for 'other than women' as per the process mentioned in notification dated 25.08.2020.

Keeping in view of above, no ground to entertain this petition is made out.

Writ petition is dismissed.

(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

(NIDHI GUPTA)
JUDGE

12.10.2022

Divyanshi

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