

116 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CR-2182-2023

Date of Decision :13.04.2023

BALA

...Petitioner

Versus

ELECTION TRIBUNAL-CUM-CIVIL JUDGE
SENIOR DIVISION PANIPAT AND ORS

....Respondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S. Walia

Present : Mr. Abhinav Sood, Advocate for
Mr. Divyam Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

B.S. Walia, J. (Oral)

[1] Prayer in the instant petition is for directing the learned Election Tribunal-cum-Civil Judge, Senior Division, Panipat, District Panipat (respondent No.1) to consider and decide Election Petition No.05 of 2022 in case titled as Bala vs. Ritu Devi and others instituted on 21.11.2022 (Annexure P/1) within a time bound manner preferably within six months.

[2] A perusal of Section 80 (6) of the Punjab State Election Commission Act, 1994 provides for decision of an election petition as expeditiously as possible with every endeavour being made to conclude the trial within six months from the date on which the election petition was presented to the Election Tribunal for trial.

[3] Learned counsel contends that the Election Petition was filed on 21.11.2022 and that period of six months' time is about to expire but no headway has been made in the matter, therefore, he would be satisfied if the instant petition is disposed of by directing the learned Election

Tribunal-cum-Civil Judge (Sr. Div.), Panipat, District Panipat

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[2]

(respondent No.1) to decide election petition No.05 of 2022 titled as Bala vs. Ritu Devi and others, instituted on 21.11.2022 (Annexure P/1) expeditiously.

[4] In view of the mandate of Section 80(6) of the Punjab State Election Commission Act, 1994, the election petition having been presented for trial on 21.11.2022 is to be decided expeditiously and every effort is to be made to conclude the trial within six months of date of presentation.

[5] In the circumstances, the instant petition is disposed of by directing the learned Election Tribunal-cum-Civil Judge (Sr. Div.) Panipat, District Panipat to consider and decide the election petition as expeditiously as possible keeping in the view the mandate of Section 80(6) of the Punjab State Election Commission Act, 1994 and in any case within six months from today.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

13.04.2023
'Amit'

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