

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Civil Writ Petition (PIL) No. 71 of 2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 31.08.2023.

Gurjeet Singh TalwandiPetitioner

versus

State of Punjab and othersRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAVI SHANKER JHA, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL, JUDGE

Present : Mr. Baltej Singh Sidhu, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Chandan Singh, Advocate,
Mr. Himmat Singh Sidhu, Advocate and
Mr. Nikhil Ghai, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Vinod Ghai, Advocate General, Punjab with
Mr. I.P.S.Dhanna, Sr. Addl. Advocate General, Punjab,
Mr. Vikas Mohan Gupta, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab,
Mr. Ferry Sofat, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab,
Mr. Navdeep Chabra, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent-State of Punjab.

RAVI SHANKER JHA, CHIEF JUSTICE (oral)

Learned Advocate General appearing on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab, on instructions from Mr. G.S.Khaira, IAS, Director, Department of Rural Development & Panchayat, Punjab, submits that the respondent-State of Punjab has decided to withdraw the impugned notification dated 10.08.2023 (Annexure P-1) and it will be withdrawn preferably within a period of two days. He further submits that the Government of Punjab intends to ensure that the democratic process as prescribed by the Constitution is not stalled on any ground and it proposes to continue with the process of holding the elections of Panchayats in accordance with law inspite of withdrawal of the impugned notification (Annexure P-1) issued under Section 29-A of the Punjab Panchayati Raj

Act, 1994. He further submits that in view of withdrawal of the impugned notification, all the legal consequences would ensue in accordance with law.

In view of the statement made by the learned Advocate General, Punjab, nothing further survives for adjudication in the petition and taking the same on record, the petition stands disposed of.

As the petition has been disposed of on the statement made by learned Advocate General, Punjab to the effect that the impugned notification has been withdrawn, this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the issues, which are kept open for adjudication in an appropriate case.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	√Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No√