



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-32430-2024 (O&M)

Date of decision: 02.12.2024

Vijay Pratap Singh

...Petitioner

VERSUS

Election Commissioner of India and others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Mehmood Pracha, Advocate and
Ms. Isha Janjua, Advocate for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present petition is for directing the respondents to supply the entire videography and CCTV footage pertaining to the conduct of General Legislative Assembly Elections at 87-Badhkal Assembly Constituency, Haryana to the petitioner in terms of the applicable guidelines, instructions and provisions contained in the handbooks and Rules.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that as per the handbook issued by the Election Commission of India i.e. Conduct of Election Rules, the candidates/any person is entitled to obtain all papers relating to the elections and copies thereof subject to payment of such fee as may be decided by the Election Commission. He further contends that the petitioner has already submitted the application for issuance of the documents as well as videography and CCTV footage pertaining to the conduct of General Legislative Assembly Elections at 87-Badhkal Assembly Constituency, Haryana. The petitioner has expressed his willingness to pay the applicable charges as notified by the Election Commission but despite



the same, needful is not done.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Parshant Puri, Advocate, enters appearance for Mr. Prateek Gupta, Advocate and accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1-Election Commission of India and Mr. Vivek Saini, Addl. A.G., Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf respondent No.1 contends that the Election Commission has already prescribed a fee and that such documents/copies can be supplied to a candidate on payment of such charges as has been determined.

Learned State counsel contends that they would have no objection in case the matter is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority i.e. The District Election Officers, Faridabad to consider the application preferred by the petitioner and to take an appropriate decision in accordance with law in a time-bond manner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has not objection to the same.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3-District Election Officer, Faridabad, to consider the application preferred by the petitioner and preferable within a period of 04 weeks and supply the copies of the admissible documents in accordance with law.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

02.12.2024

Mangal Singh

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