

2025:PHHC:039781



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

(113)

**CM-4180-CWP-2025 in/and
CWP-5574-2025
Decided on : 24.03.2025**

Jagwinder Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MS.JUSTICE LAPITA BANERJI

Present: Mr.Saurabh Singla, Advocate, for
Mr.Rahul Sharma, Advocate, for the applicant-petitioner.

Mr.Aditya Sharda, DAG, Punjab.

LAPITA BANERJI, J. (Oral)

CM-4180-CWP-2025

This is an application for issuing directions to the respondents to make necessary arrangements for videography of the elections of the Managing Committee of respondent No.5-The Talwandi Kalan Multipurpose Agricultural Cooperative Society Ltd. Similar prayer is also made in the main writ petition.

CWP-5574-2025

1. By consent of the parties, the main writ petition is taken up for hearing.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the elections of respondent No.5-Society should be conducted in a fair and transparent manner, in accordance with the relevant rules and provisions of the Punjab Cooperative Societies Act, 1961. Therefore, necessary directions are required to be issued to the respondents-authorities for carrying out videography of the election process.
3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State authorities/ respondents No.1 to 4, 6 & 7 submits that the prayer for videography was made at a belated stage and in case such a prayer is granted, the election

schedule cannot be complied with. Unless 4 weeks' time are granted to the State-respondents to organize the videography of the election process, it would not be feasible for them to organize the necessary equipments for the same.

4. This Court has heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the material on record.

5. It is true that no prayer on behalf of the petitioner was made on March 6, 2025 for videographing the election process, still to the mind of this Court, videography seems necessary to ensure free and fair election and set at rest various contentious issues which may arise later.

6. To the mind of this Court, there would be no impediment in carrying videography of the election process even though it is submitted by the learned State Counsel that the election process may need to be deferred by about 4 weeks, in the event such an order is passed.

7. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that no allegations will be made against the State-respondents in the event the election process is carried out with proper arrangements for videography within a period of 4 weeks from today and the necessary costs of videography will be borne by him.

8. In the event the costs are deposited by the petitioner within a period of one week from today, the respondent-authorities would conduct the election of the Managing Committee of respondent No.5 within a period of 4 weeks from the date of deposit of such costs, after making necessary arrangement for the videography.

9. With the directions aforesaid **CWP-5574-2025 is disposed of.**

10. In view of the order passed in the main writ petition, **CM-4180-CWP-2025** is disposed of in the same terms.

March 24, 2025
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(LAPITA BANERJI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes/No
Whether Reportable :	Yes/No