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

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Date of Decision: 23.07.2025**

Mandeep and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGERPresent : Mr. Amandeep Singh Manaise, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Nirmaljit Singh Diwana, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

HARSH BUNGER, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India *inter alia* seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus for directing respondents No.4 and 5 (Block Development and Panchayat Officer and Panchayat Secretary, respectively) to ensure that the meetings of the Gram Panchayat, Bathanwala, Block Dinanagar, District Gurdaspur are conducted in a democratic manner as envisaged under Section 24 of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 (in short '1994 Act').

1.1 A further prayer has been made that in case of equality of vote, petitioner No.1- Sarpanch of Village Bathanwala, Block Dinanagar, District Gurdaspur be allowed to cast her vote.

2. Learned State counsel, on instructions from Mr. Harpreet Singh, Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Gurdaspur, submits that the concerned Block Development and Panchayat Officer has already convened a meeting in his office on 09.08.2025 at 11:00 A.M. He further assures that

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in case, there is an equality of votes, petitioner No.1- Mandeep would be permitted to give her casting vote.

3. Keeping in view the aforesaid stand taken by learned State counsel, no further orders are required to be passed in the instant writ petition, accordingly, the present petition stands disposed of.

4. All pending application(s), if any, shall also stand closed.

23.07.2025*Himani***(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No