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

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Date of Decision: 21.07.2025

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Gurjant Singh and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI**

Present: Mr. Harbans Sharma, Advocate  
for the petitioners.

Ms. Shruti, AAG, Punjab.

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**JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)**

1. The present writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to approve the Election Programme dated 25.06.2025 of the Managing Committee of the Rauni Multipurpose Co-operative Agricultural Service Society Ltd. Rauni, Tehsil Payal, District Ludhiana with a further prayer for issuance of a direction to allow videography of the election process since it is apprehended that the election may not be held in a fair and transparent manner under political pressure of the ruling party.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that now after filing of the present petition, the election programme has been approved and the elections are now scheduled to be held on 27.08.2025 and 28.08.2025 and therefore, the first prayer of the petitioners has become infructuous. He further submitted that so far as the second prayer is concerned, it is a case where the election of the Rauni Multipurpose Co-operative Agricultural

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Service Society Ltd. Rauni, Tehsil Payal, District Ludhiana was being delayed and could not be held due to non-approval of the election process because of political pressure of the ruling party and now during the pendency of the present petition, the same has been approved but in order to ensure fair and transparent election, the videography of the election process be conducted and the petitioners are ready to borne the entire expenses of videography. In this regard, learned counsel for the petitioners has referred to an order passed by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in ***CWP-2635-2025*** titled as “***Gurdit Singh and others Vs. State of Punjab and others***” decided on 19.02.2025 (Annexure P-4) whereby in similar circumstances, it was ordered that in order to ensure fair and transparent election process, the same be videographed and prayed that similar directions may be issued in the present case as well.

3. Ms. Shruti, learned AAG, Punjab has submitted that she has sought instructions in this regard from Mr. Kamaljit Singh, Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Payal, who is present in Court today to state that in case the Court directs the election process of the Managing Committee of the Rauni Multipurpose Co-operative Agricultural Service Society Ltd. Rauni, Tehsil Payal, District Ludhiana which is to be scheduled on 27.08.2025 and 28.08.2025 to be videographed and expenses to be borne by the petitioners, then the respondent/State has no objection with regard to the same in view of the fact that the elections should be conducted in a fair and transparent manner.

4. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the present petition is disposed of. In order to dispel the apprehension of the petitioners with regard to the aforesaid apprehension being made that the elections may

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not be held in a fair and transparent manner and they are ready and willing to pay the entire expenses of the videography, it is directed that the Competent Authority amongst the respondent to get the entire election process videographed and the recorded videography shall be preserved for the next one year from the date of elections. The cost of the videography shall be borne by the petitioners themselves.

5. Apart from the above, the Senior Superintendent of Police, Khanna shall also ensure adequate security at the time of election.

**21.07.2025***Bhumika***(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)  
JUDGE**

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned: | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable:        | Yes/No |