



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

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CWP-6447-2026

Date of Decision: 16.03.2026

JAT EDUCATION SOCIETY

...Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF HARYANA AND ORS.

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present:- Mr. Aman Pal, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Rajinder Kumar, Advocate,
Mr. Sankalp Dhanda, Advocate,
Ms. Kirti Sharma, Advocate,
Mr. Vidyotma, Advocate and
Mr. Balraj Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Akshit Pathania, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana

Mr. A.S. Virk, Advocate
for the respondent No.4

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking setting aside of letter dated 18.02.2026 whereby respondent No.4 has directed to dismiss election process and has further imposed cost of Rs.2.5 lacs.

2. On 05.03.2026, the following order was passed by this Court:-

“Learned Senior counsel for the petitioner states that the impugned order has been passed directing the petitioner to redraw the schedule of election on the ground that on 11.02.2026, election symbols were allotted in absence of the university observer. Counsel asserts that by

communication dated 10.02.2026, Annexure P-11, Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU), had appointed Prof. Randeep Rana as an observer and requested him to be present on 11.02.2026 at the time of allotment of symbols. It is his categoric assertion that despite this communication, observer did not participate in the election process. An apprehension has been expressed by the learned Senior counsel that even in case, election schedule is redrawn and communicated to MDU, observer may not co-operate.

Advance copy of the petition has been served upon the respondents.

Mr. A.S. Virk, Advocate, has put in appearance through virtual platform on behalf of MDU and requests for short accommodation to get instructions.

Learned Senior counsel has further pointed out that by virtue of the impugned order, petitioner has been directed to deposit a fine of Rs.2,50,000/-, which was imposed for not constituting the Governing Body till 30.04.2025. He states that deposit has been illegally made a pre-condition for acceptance of the re-drawn schedule of elections. He has made a reference to notification dated 05.08.2025, Annexure P-6, issued by MDU to emphasize that penalty stands waived off and university cannot insist on its deposit. Mr. A.S. Virk, Advocate, requests for short accommodation to get instructions on this aspect as well.

As requested, list on 16.03.2026.”

3. Learned counsel for the respondent No.4-University submits that University would not insist for cost as pre-condition to hold election. The observer appointed by University would join proceedings on the date fixed and duly communicate in advance by the petitioner. The date may be communicated at least three days prior to the date fixed for allocation of symbols.

- 4. Learned Sr. Counsel for the petitioner agrees to the aforesaid statement.
- 5. In the wake of statement of both sides, the petition stands disposed of.
- 6. Pending application(s), if any, stands disposed of.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

March 16, 2026
Deepak DPA

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No