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

**CWP-7727-2026 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 24.03.2026**

Kulwinder Kaur

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Harpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab,

Mr. Karminder Singh, Advocate,
Mr. Prabhsher Singh, Advocate and
Mr. Dhanwinder Singh, Advocate
for respondents No.5 to 7.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Petition herein is, *inter alia*, seeking a writ in the nature of Certiorari for quashing the proceedings initiated vide letter dated 02.03.2026 (Annexure P-4), whereby a recommendation has been made by respondents No.3 and 4 for the appointment of an Administrator to the Gram Panchayat, Dugri, Block Naushehra Pannuan, District Barn Taran.

2. At this stage, Mr. Harpreet Singh, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, and Mr. Karminder Singh, Advocate, appear on behalf of the

respondent-State and respondents No.5 to 7, respectively, in pursuance of the advance copies of paper book having already been supplied to them. Vakalatnama filed by Mr. Karminder Singh, Advocate, in Court today, is taken on record, subject to all just exceptions.

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from Mr. Pair Singh, District Development and Panchayat Officer, Tarn Taran, submits that the District Development and Panchayat Officer, Tarn Taran, has requisitioned a meeting of all the Members (including the petitioner) of the Gram Panchayat on 01.04.2026 in his office, for discussing the development works of the village. It is further submitted that in case the petitioner participates in the said meeting, necessary proceedings shall be carried out in accordance with law. He further submits that in the event of equality of votes, the petitioner – Kulwinder Kaur (Sarpanch) shall be permitted to exercise her right of casting vote in terms of Section 24(3) of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994.

3.1 Learned State counsel further submits that any decision with regard to the appointment of an Administrator shall be considered by the competent authority only after the aforesaid meeting is held.

4. Keeping in view the aforesaid submissions made by learned State counsel, no further orders are required to be passed in the present writ petition and the same is, accordingly, disposed of.

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

24.03.2026
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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No