



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

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CWP-8190-2026

Date of Decision: 23.03.2026

DR SHIV SHANKAR BHARDWAJ AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present:- Mr. Lalit Pardhan, Advocate for petitioners

Ms. Svaneel Jaswal, Additional Advocate General, Haryana

Mr. Vikram Sheoran, Advocate and
Mr. Man Mohan, Advocate
For respondent/ Caveator

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India are seeking setting aside of :-

i. Order dated 13.05.2025 whereby an Inquiry Officer has been appointed.

ii. Order dated 26.05.2025 whereby review petition was dismissed;

iii. Order dated 09.07.2025 whereby appeal was dismissed;

iv. Order dated 05.03.2026 whereby appeal was dismissed;

v. Order dated 10.03.2026 whereby direction has been issued for the appointment of Administrator.



2. A Trust vide Will dated 06.01.1930 was created by Late Vidya Martand Pd. Sita Ram Shastri. The trustees for the administration of Trust got registered a society named as Haryana Shekhawati Bramhamcharya Ashram Samiti, Bhiwani. The society was registered vide certificate dated 06.05.1964. R.K. Sharma and others filed an application before District Registrar seeking cancellation of election schedule published by the society. The District Registrar vide order dated 18.12.2023 adjudicated the matter. It was held that there are five members of the society. The society was directed to conduct election of the governing board as per provisions of Haryana Registration and Regulation of Societies Act, 2012 (for short 'HRRS Act') and Rules made thereunder as well as byelaws of the society. A petition under Sections 21, 22 and 39 of HRRS Act came to be filed which was dismissed by District Registrar. Election of the society was held on 16.03.2024 and application was submitted before District Registrar for approval of the list of governing body. The same was accepted vide order dated 16.03.2024. One member of the society passed away. Four persons namely Bhupender Bhardwaj, Pardeep Kumar, Jaiparkash Sharma and Mahesh Dutt Sharma filed application before District Registrar for becoming member of the society. In the meeting dated 28.04.2024 of the General Body, it was decided that registration of the society be got cancelled and society be dissolved. In the meeting dated 31.10.2024, it was decided to authorize president and secretary to transmit information to District Registrar. The District Registrar vide letter dated 03.02.2025 directed the society to submit requisite documents for its dissolution. The District Registrar vide order dated 13.05.2025 appointed Inquiry Officer. The petitioner approached District Registrar who informed that there is no option to submit



application for dissolution of the society. The society filed review petition against appointment of Inquiry Officer. The District Registrar vide order dated 26.05.2025 dismissed review petition. The society preferred appeal before State Registrar of Societies who also dismissed the same. On the recommendation of State Registrar of Societies, show cause notice dated 17.12.2025 was issued to petitioner by Director General of Industries of Commerce-cum-Registrar General of Societies Haryana. The petitioner filed reply to aforesaid notice wherein it was pointed out that Inquiry report has been challenged before Civil Court. The civil suit is pending, thus, proceedings may be kept in abeyance. The petitioner filed appeal before Registrar General of Societies who vide order dated 05.03.2026 dismissed its appeal.

3. Learned counsel for the respondents submit that an inquiry officer was appointed by District Registrar, Bhiwani. The inquiry officer has submitted his report dated 03.08.2024. The said report is under challenge before Civil Court. The respondents have filed writ petition (**CWP-30671-2025**) before this Court seeking implementation of inquiry report. The inquiry report has been implemented. An Administrator has been appointed and he has already taken charge.

4. There is dispute between the stakeholders with respect to genuineness of membership. The petitioners are claiming that there are only four members and remaining seven members have already expired. The respondents are claiming that petitioners in a mischievous manner excluded seven members which compelled authorities to conduct inquiry. The report of inquiry officer has vindicated their stand.

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5. The District Registrar appointed an inquiry officer who conducted inquiry into the affairs of the society. The report of inquiry officer is contrary to stand of the petitioner. In the compelled circumstances, the authorities have appointed Administrator for the fair administration and to verify the list of the members of the Society. Administrator is an independent authority, thus, there is no prejudice to petitioner. The Administrator would certainly proceed in accordance with law.

6. Disposed of.

7. Pending Misc. application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

23.03.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No