



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

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CWP-8626-2026

Date of Decision: 20.03.2026

SIDH PITH SHRI MAHAKALI MANDIR SANSTHAN

...Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF HARYANA AND ORS.

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present:- Mr. Aman Vashisth, Advocate for the petitioner

Ms. Svaneel Jaswal, Addl. A.G. Haryana

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking setting aside of order dated 23.02.2026 passed by respondent No.2-Director General of Industries & Commerce-cum-Registrar of Societies whereby he has set aside orders dated 21.02.2019 (Annexure P-7) and 04.04.2019 (Annexure P-8). He has further directed appointment of an Administrator.

2. The petitioner claims that he is President of Shri Mahakali Mandir Sansthan, Faridabad. The said temple is managed by society registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860. There was a dispute with respect to membership of the society. The private respondents filed complaint in 2017 challenging membership of the society. The District Registrar dismissed their objections vide order dated 21.02.2019. The private respondents filed appeal before State Registrar which was dismissed on 04.04.2019. Thereafter, elections of governing body were conducted under the supervision of Administrator appointed by the

respondent. Fresh elections were again conducted in 2023 under the

supervision of Returning Officer appointed by District Registrar. Despite afore-stated facts, respondent No.2 by impugned order dated 23.02.2026 has set aside orders passed by District Registrar and Appellate Authorities. Respondent No.2 has further directed appointment of an Administrator and fresh verification of membership from 2009 onwards.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that list of members was never in dispute when two consecutive elections were conducted. The list of elected candidates was forwarded to District Registrar. In such circumstances, verification of membership from 2009 onwards seems to be unjust and unfair.

4. Heard the arguments and perused the record.

5. The petitioner is president of Shri Mahakali Mandir Sansthan, Faridabad. The society is maintaining a temple. It means society is carrying out religious and charitable activities. The members are not supposed to shy or shirk from verification, if any conducted by authorities. The respondent-authority was seized of the matter when election was conducted in 2021 or 2023. In view of nature of activities carried out by petitioner, there seems no reason to interfere with impugned order.

6. In the wake of above discussion and findings, this Court is of the considered opinion that the instant petition deserves to be dismissed and accordingly dismissed.

7. Pending application(s), if any, stands disposed of.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

March 20, 2026
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