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

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Date of decision:04.05.2026

Harmandeep Singh Sahota and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Gurmanpreet Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the instant writ petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing respondents No.1 to 4, to allow petitioner No.1-Harmandeep Singh Sahota, to exercise his legal right of casting vote in terms of Section 24(3) of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act 1994 (for short '1994 Act').

2. Today, Mr. Harpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab, appears on behalf of the respondents-State, in pursuance of the advance copy of the writ petition having already been supplied to him and he, on instructions from Smt. Dilawar Kaur, District Development & Panchayat Officer (DDPO), Ludhiana, submits that presently, the DDPO, Ludhiana has convened a meeting of all the members including the Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat of Bhamaddi, Block Khanna, District Ludhiana for 11.05.2026, so as to discuss the development works of the village. He further submits that in case there is equality of votes, then in that eventuality, petitioner No.1 shall be afforded an opportunity to exercise the casting vote in terms of Section 24(3) of 1994



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Act.

3. Keeping in view the aforesaid stand taken by learned State counsel, no further order is required to be passed in the present writ petition and the same is disposed of accordingly.

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

04.05.2026

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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No