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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-14980-2026 (O&M)
Date of Decision :14.05.2026

Harinder Singh

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CWP-15164-2026 (O&M)

Bikramjit Singh

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA

Present: Mr. Sunil Chadha, Sr. Advocate with
Ms. Tara Dutt, Advocate for the petitioner in CWP-14980-2026.

Mr. Gagandeep Singh Simble, Advocate for petitioner
in CWP-15164-2026.

Mr. Rahul Rampal, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

Ms. Gauri Sharma, Advocate for respondent No.3
in CWP-14980-2026.

Mr. Manpreet Singh Brar, Advocate for Mr. Jastej Singh, Advocate
for respondent No.3 in CWP-15164-2026.

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Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

1. Present writ petitions have been filed raising an objection that
certain votes have not been finalized in a manner required while finalising

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the voter list for conducting the elections to the Municipal Corporation Batala, District Gurdaspur.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) submits that said finalization of the voter list be treated as bad and a direction be issued to the State to not to take into consideration the said voter list for the purpose of conducting elections to the Municipal Council/Corporation concerned, which are scheduled to be held on 26.05.2026.

3. On being asked to point out whether, the petitioner(s) has any grievance with regard to his vote, learned Senior counsel for the petitioner(s) concedes that there is no prejudice qua the vote of the petitioner(s) but submits that vote of other residents of the area, have not been finalized in a manner required.

4. On being further asked whether, the present petition is a public interest litigation and same can be filed for any prejudice being caused to any other person, learned Senior counsel for the petitioner(s) very fairly submits that the present petition is not a public interest litigation.

5. We have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record with their able assistance.

6. It may be noticed that the vote to be depicted in the voter list is personal to a resident and in case any prejudice is caused to such resident with regard to the finalization of his/her vote, only the said person having such prejudice can avail the remedy in order to get the same rectified hence, the present petition(s) cannot be entertained qua the grievance/prejudice caused to the other residents of the area, especially when no prejudice is caused to the petitioner(s). Hence, in the facts and circumstances of the

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present petition(s) coupled with the fact that the present petition(s) is not a public interest litigation, the present petition(s) cannot be entertained on behalf of other residents on the ground that they have been prejudiced by the impugned final electoral roll of the concerned Municipal Corporation.

7. It may be noticed that the residents of the area might not be prejudiced as projected in the petition and they might be satisfied with the voter list as no one has raised any grievance before this Court as of now.

8. Keeping in view the above, as the learned counsel for the petitioner(s) conceded before this Court that qua the impugned voter list, there exists no prejudice to the petitioners herein, no relief can be granted as being prayed qua the other residents of the area, who have not approached this Court raising such grievance qua the finalization of voter list by the Punjab State Election Commission.

8. At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner(s) submits that the present petition(s) may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed any further.

9. Ordered accordingly.

10. Civil miscellaneous application pending, if any, is also disposed of.

11. A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of connected case.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

May 14, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No