



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

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CWP No.15244 of 2026 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 14.05.2026

RASHMI RANI AND OTHERS

.....Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

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CWP No.15245 of 2026 (O&M)

KULWINDER KAUR AND OTHERS

.....Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

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CWP No.15255 of 2026 (O&M)

SARVDEEP SINGH KALIRAO

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Pardeep K.Bajaj, Advocate and
Mr. Kuljit Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioners in CWPs-15244 & 15245-2026.

Mr. Parambir Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioners in CWP-15255-2026.

Mr. Maninderjit Singh Bedi, Advocate General Punjab with
Mr. Jastej Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (Oral)

1. By this common order, all the aforementioned petitions, the
details of which have been given in the heading, are being disposed of as all



the petitions involve the same question of law on similar facts.

2. The present petitions have been filed with a prayer that certain difficulties are being faced by all the respective candidates so as to file nomination for contesting the elections.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners argues that the candidates have not been issued no objection, without which they are unable to fill the nomination papers, and if the said no objection is denied at the fag end, the candidate will not be allowed to contest the election, which will cause prejudice to the petitioners. Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that though a voter list has already been finalized by the Punjab State Election Commission but still, while filing the nomination paper, the Residence Certificate is being asked, which is uncalled for, and the said condition is only being imposed so as to reject the nomination of the eligible candidate, debarring him to contest the elections of concerned Municipal Council, which are now scheduled to be held on 26.05.2026.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. Jastej Singh, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and Mr. D.S. Randhawa, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-M.C. Zira in CWP-15245 of 2026.

6. Learned State counsel on instructions from Ms. Rajdeep Kaur, Secretary, Punjab State Election Commission, who is present in the Court, submits that as per the check list provided to be appended along with the nomination form, there is no requirement of Residence Certificate and the same has already been circulated to all the concerned Returning Officers for their information and necessary action. Learned State counsel further submits that as per the said instructions, in case, no objection has not been received by the petitioners, in that case, without any further delay, a self-

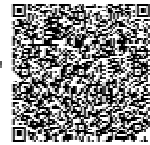


attested affidavit with nomination form can be submitted, along with all requisite documents showing their eligibility for contesting the post. Learned State counsel has also submitted that in case such nomination form is complete, the same shall be accepted by the concerned Returning Officer in accordance with law.

7. Learned State counsel on instructions again submits that for ensuring the security as well as public trust for safeguarding the election process, surveillance cameras have also been installed outside and inside the rooms of the Returning Officer, who is to receive and accept the nomination form so that, no candidate alleges any foul play at the hands of the Returning Officer with regard to non-acceptance of the nomination form despite tendering of the same.

8. At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that keeping in view the aforesaid statement made by the learned State counsel, no further grievance survives except that the petitioners should be given security so that they can fill up their nomination form.

9. It may be noticed that in case, any candidate has an apprehension towards threat to his/her life or security, such candidate will be free to approach the concerned Senior Superintendent of Police and the same will be looked into by the concerned Senior Superintendent of Police and in case any action is required to be taken, the Senior Superintendent of Police will do the needful so that, no untoward incident takes place during the conduct of the election process. Even otherwise, the concerned Senior Superintendent of Police is requested to deploy due security personnel for conduct of free and fair voting on 26.05.2026 and will ensure that no one, who is not entitled to cast vote, is found near the polling station and if anybody is found violating the election process, the police will be free to



take appropriate action against such person in accordance with law.

10. In case, any candidate who is required to deposit any amount in order to be eligible, such candidate shall be permitted to deposit the same before the last date of nomination so as to become eligible to contest for the post.

11. The petitions are disposed of in the above terms.

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

13. A photocopy of this order be placed on the files of the connected cases.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

14.05.2026
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned :	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No