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

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Date of Decision: 22.05.2026

Ranveer Singh**...Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab and others****...Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL**

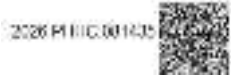
Present: - Mr. Pavinder Singh, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Vikas Arora, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking direction to respondents to transfer election petition dated 31.03.2026 (Annexure P-4) titled as '*Ranveer Singh v. Nanak Singh Bath and another*' filed by him challenging election of Chairman, Panchayat Samiti/Block Samiti, Balachaur from respondent No.4 to any other Election Tribunal.

2. Respondent No. 5 was elected as Chairman, Panchayat Samiti, Balachaur through a draw of lots. The petitioner felt aggrieved in a way that he had secured seven valid votes in the same election and one invalid vote was declared valid resulting in equality of votes. He preferred an election petition challenging the election proceedings conducted by respondent No.4- Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Balachaur, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar. The petitioner claims that respondent No. 4 was the Presiding Officer who conducted the election for the post in question, therefore, he should not adjudicate the election petition in view of the settled principle of natural



justice “*nemo judex in causa sua*” i.e. no person can be a judge in his own cause.

3. Learned State counsel submits that jurisdictional Deputy Commissioner would assign the election petition to any other Sub-Divisional Magistrate, if directed by this Court.

4. Heard the arguments and perused the record.

5. There seems substance in the contention of the petitioner. Fairness and transparency are pillars of justice. In case of doubt especially when the Adjudicating Authority in one or another way has dealt with the matter, it is always appropriate to refer the matter to another Authority where judicial or quasi-judicial work has to be performed. Accordingly, Deputy Commissioner, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar is hereby directed to assign petitioner’s election petition to a Sub-Divisional Magistrate other than Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Balachaur.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

22.05.2026
Mohit Kumar

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