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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision :21.05.2026

Surjit Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

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

Present: Dr. Dayal Partap Singh Randhawa, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Jastej Singh, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

Mr. Vikram Preet Arora, Advocate for respondent-M.C.

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Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

1. After arguing for some time, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the present writ petition may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed any further with liberty to the petitioners to file Election Petition in case need so arises after the conclusion of election process.

2. Ordered accordingly.

3. It goes without saying that the Election Tribunal will remain bound by the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in *SLP (C) No. 25527 of 2024*, titled as '*Sunita Rani and others v. State of Punjab and others*' to decide the election petition as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of six months from the date of its filing, subject to the cooperation of the parties.

4. It is further noted that in case, after the decision of the election petition, the Election Tribunal finds the culpability of any officer discharging the duties while conducting the elections violated any provisions of law or acted against law, the Election Tribunal will be within its jurisdiction to pass an appropriate order qua initiation of disciplinary proceedings against such officer(s) so that in future no such misconduct causing prejudice to any contesting candidate ever happens again on the

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part of the electoral machinery.

5. Civil miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

May 21, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned :Yes
Whether reportable : No