

as no such application has been moved by the petitioner seeking withdrawal of his nomination papers.

3. 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.

4. Ordered accordingly.

5. 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.

6. It is further noted that in case, after the decision of the election petition, the Election Tribunal finds the culpability at part of any officer discharging the duties while conducting the elections, that such officer 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 part of the electoral machinery.

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

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

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

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

22.05.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No