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

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Date of decision: June 24th, 2026

Manpreet Singh @ Happy

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE RAMESH KUMARI**

Present: Mr. Parambir Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Jastej Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. This is a civil writ petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for directing respondent Nos.3 and 4 to preserve and keeping the ballot papers and entire election record intact pertaining to Ward No.10, Municipal Council, Bassi Pathana, Fatehgarh Sahib.

2. Learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, has submitted that the Election Tribunal has already been constituted and is operational and since the election has already taken place, thus, in view of the judgment of the Constitution Bench in the case of *Prithvi Raj Versus State Election Commission and others 2007(3) RCR (Civil) 817*, the present writ petition is not maintainable.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in view of the same, the petitioner be permitted to withdraw the present petition but has



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further submitted that ballot papers be preserved till the filing of the election petition and the videography undertaken during the course of election be also preserved till the filing of the election petition.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the State has very fairly submitted that the same would be done.

5. Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances, the petitioner is permitted to withdraw the present petition with liberty to seek alternate remedy in accordance with law.

6. The videography undertaken as well as the ballot papers will be preserved till the filing of the election petition, in accordance with law.

(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

June 24th, 2026
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(RAMESH KUMARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No