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

CWP-PIL-251-2025

Date of decision : 29.01.2026

Ravnit Singh Kang and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present: Mr. Harkirat S. Jagdev, Advocate (arguing counsel), and
Mr. Aman Goswami, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Munish Jolly, Advocate (arguing counsel), and
Ms. Seerat Saldi, Advocate, for respondent No.11.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. This Public Interest Litigation raises the alleged public cause that respondent No.11 happens to hold the office of Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat, Village Rangilpur, Tehsil and District Rupnagar, despite the fact that his writ petition (CWP-26444-2024) challenging the alleged wrongful rejection of his nomination papers was dismissed by Co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 14.10.2024 (Annexure P-7).

1.1 The facts further reveal that respondent No.11, on the strength of interim order dated 10.10.2024 (Annexure P-5) passed in CWP-26444-2024, contested the elections and when results of the elections of Sarpanch were declared, he was declared elected candidate and assumed charge of the office of Sarpanch. Thereafter, his election was challenged in Election Petition before Sub Divisional Magistrate –cum- Election Tribunal for Panchayat Elections, Rupnagar. The said election of respondent No.11 was set aside by



the Election Tribunal vide order dated 19.02.2025 (Annexure P-8/A), which order is now pending adjudication in FAO-1880-2025, whereby vide interim order dated 25.03.2025 (Annexure P-9), operation of the aforesaid order of the Election Tribunal has been stayed and in this manner, respondent No.11 is continuing to hold the post of Sarpanch.

2. The petitioners, who claim themselves to be public spirited persons, have approached this Court seeking quashing of order dated 30.07.2025 (Annexure P-14) passed by the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Rupnagar (respondent No.8), vide which charge of Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat, Village Rangilpur, Tehsil and District Rupnagar, has been ordered to be handed over to respondent No.11, on the strength of interim order dated 25.03.2025 passed in FAO-1880-2025.

3. Since the matter is being taken up on judicial side by the defeated candidate and the same is under adjudication, it would not be appropriate to entertain this petition as a PIL.

4. In view of above discussion, we do not feel it appropriate to entertain this PIL, since the matter is already under consideration in FAO-1880-2025.

5. Accordingly, the petition stands dismissed.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

January 29, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No