



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-33306-2025

Date of Decision: 09.04.2026

RAJ KUMAR AND OTHERS

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present:- Mr. Vishal Mehta, Advocate
For petitioners

Mr. Aman Dhir, D.A.G., Punjab

Mr. A.K. Garg, Advocate
For respondent No.5

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners through instant petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India are seeking direction to official respondents to conduct fresh elections of Shri Sanatan Dharam Sabha (Regd.) Malerkotla.

2. On 16.02.2026, following order was passed by this Court:

“Upon instructions from Mr. Gurmeet Kumar, SDM, Malerkotla, State counsel submits that as acting president of Shri Sanatan Dharam Sabha (Regd.) – respondent No.5, is hospitalized, no further action could be taken.

Mr. Anil Kumar Garg, Advocate, has put in appearance on behalf of respondent No.5, and has filed Power of Attorney, which is taken on record. He states that elections to governing body of Shri Sanatan Dharam Sabha (Regd.) were held in 2022 and tenure of governing body is five years.

He requests for short accommodation to file an affidavit.



List on 09.04.2026.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that authorities may be directed to make sure that elections are conducted well within time. They may be directed to make sure that elections are conducted in fair and impartial manner. During the intervening period i.e. date of expiry of tenure of the governing body and reconstitution of the governing body, there should be a receiver to manage affairs of the society.
4. Learned counsel for the respondent-Sabha submits that tenure of present governing body would expire in March' 2027 and elections would be conducted in accordance with applicable Act as well as bye-laws of the society.
5. The prayer of learned counsel for the petitioners, at this stage, seems to be premature because present governing bodies have tenure upto March' 2027.
6. In the wake of above discussion and findings, the petition stands disposed of.
7. Pending Misc. application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

09.04.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No