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| | | | **WPMS/3251/2026**<br>Jyoti Kumari --Petitioner<br>**Versus**<br>State Of Uttarakhand & others --Respondents<br>**Hon'ble Pankaj Purohit, J.**<br>Mr. Parikshit Saini, learned counsel for the petitioner.<br>2. Mr. Sushil Vashisth, learned Standing Counsel for the State.<br>3. Petitioner has moved a complaint before the District Magistrate, Udham Singh Nagar, regarding the OBC caste certificate of private respondent no.6-Baljeet Kaur, who is the elected Pradhan of Gram Sabha, Kaliyawala, Tehsil Jaspur, District Udham Singh Nagar. The caste certificate of respondent no.6 was cancelled by the District Level Scrutiny Committee on 04.07.2025. Respondent no.6 preferred an appeal before the State Level Scrutiny Committee, which too was dismissed on 16.05.2026 by the said Scrutiny Committee, and the Commissioner, Kumaon Division, has passed the consequential order and informed the District Magistrate accordingly.<br>4. Now, the grievance of the petitioner is that despite the cancellation of the OBC caste certificate of respondent no.6, she is still continuing as a Village Pradhan; she shall be removed by the State Government i.e. District Magistrate exercising powers under Section 138 (1)(d)(ii) of the Uttarakhand Panchayati Raj Act, 2016 (hereinafter referred as "Act of 2016"). |

5. It is contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that, in view of the provisions of Section 138 of the Uttarakhand Panchayati Raj Act, 2016, the District Magistrate should proceed in accordance with law against the Gram Pradhan. He further contended that, under the Uttar Pradesh Panchayat Raj (Removal of Pradhans, Up-Pradhans and Members) Enquiry Rules, 1997, the District Magistrate is required to complete the proceedings for the removal of the Pradhan within six months in the event of cancellation of the caste certificate of respondent no.6. Further, eight months have elapsed since the initiation of the proceedings.

6. Per contra, learned State Counsel does not dispute the legal position and on instructions dated 28.10.2026, submits that the proceeding for removal of respondent no.6 is in progress. The instructions dated 28.10.2026 are taken on record.

7. Be that as it may, respondent no.2, District Magistrate, Udham Singh Nagar, is directed to conclude the proceedings for the removal of the Gram Pradhan in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Act and the Rules framed thereunder after putting respondent no.6 to notice.

8. The writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

**(Pankaj Purohit, J.)**
30.10.2026

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