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

**CWP-15192-2025
Date of Decision: 23.05.2025**

Satnam Kaur

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Jashandeep Singh Sidhu, Advocate and
Mr. Robin Singh Bhullar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Petition herein is, *inter alia*, for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus to direct the official respondents to allow the petitioner to exercise her Right of casting vote, as provided under Section 24(3) of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner would be satisfied at this stage in case a time bound direction is issued to the District Development and Panchayat Officer, Fazilka (respondent No.2) to decide representation dated 08.05.2025 (Annexure P-13) submitted by the petitioner.

3. At this stage, Mr. Nirmaljit Singh Diwana, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab appears on behalf of the respondent/State, in

pursuance of the advance copy of paper book having already been supplied to him. He submits that in case any such representation has been submitted by the petitioner before the concerned authority then the District Development and Panchayat Officer, Fazilka/competent authority shall consider and take decision either way, on the said representation dated 08.05.2025 (Annexure P-13) within a period of four weeks from today.

4. Keeping in view the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties and without commenting on the merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the District Development and Panchayat Officer, Fazilka/competent authority to consider and decide representation dated 08.05.2025 (Annexure P-13) by way of passing a speaking order, after affording due opportunity of hearing to all the concerned parties, within a period of four weeks from today.

5. All the pending application(s), if any, shall also stand closed.

23.05.2025
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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No