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

(139)

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Date of Decision : 27.03.2025

Anupam Kumaria

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI**

Present: Mr. Kshitij Sharma, Advocate and  
Mr. Shubhkarman Singh Gill, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gagneshwar Walia, Addl. AG, Punjab  
for respondents No.1 to 5.

Mr. Nakul Sharma, Advocate  
for respondent No.7.

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**KULDEEP TIWARI, J.(ORAL)**

1. The petitioner, who was Secretary of Punjab Badminton Association, has approached this Court, by casting the instant petition, under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, to challenge the letter/directions dated 20.03.2025 (Annexure P-7), passed by the respondent No.2, i.e. the Director Sports, State Sports Department-cum-Member Secretary, Sports Council Punjab, wherethrough, an Adhoc Committee, for conducting elections to the post of office bearers of Punjab Badminton Association, has been formed.

2. By filing the instant writ petition, a challenge is thrown to the competency of the respondent No.2, to appoint such a Committee. By referring to the memorandum of association and rules of the society



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concerned, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the respondent No.2, is not competent to appoint Adhoc Committee, for the purpose of conducting the elections of the society concerned.

3. This Court has examined the impugned order and primarily, is of the considered view that the said Adhoc Committee was constituted with intent to bring transparency into the election process of the association concerned.

4. At this stage, Mr. Gagneshwar Walia, Addl. AG, Punjab, for respondents No.1 to 5, and Mr. Nakul Sharma, Advocate, for respondent No.7, on advance notice, has caused appearance before this Court, and during the course of the arguments, the petitioner and the respondents, comes to a consensus, that they do not have any objection, in case, the elections of the association concerned, be held by the Committee, constituted by this Court, which may be headed by a retired District and Sessions Judge, as appointed by this Court. Further, suggestions were made by both the parties concerned, that the petitioner and the private respondents, as well as, the State Govt., shall also be at liberty to recommend their names of the members, respectively, to be a part of the Adhoc Committee.

5. Considering the consensus between the parties concerned, the instant *lis* is **disposed of**, with the following directions :-

i) on account of the consensus between the parties concerned, the following Adhoc Committee is constituted, comprising :-

1. Mr. Lalit Kumar Singla, Additional District and Sessions Judge, (Retired); resident of #535, IAS-PCS Society, The Foothill, New Chandigarh, Mohali, Mobile-85588-03875. His remuneration is assessed at Rs.2,50,000/-, which shall be paid by the petitioner and the



respondent No.7, jointly.

2. The Deputy Commissioner concerned;

3. Mr. Rakesh Khana, son of Late Sh. Maharaj Krishan Khanna, R/o #397, Lajpat Nagar, Jalandhar, Member District Badminton Association, Jalandhar (suggested by respondent No.7)

4. Mr. Sunil Tiwari, Advocate, Mobile-78555-25506 (suggested by the petitioner)

ii) the Punjab Badminton Association shall forthwith handover the entire record to the above Adhoc Committee, duly constituted by this Court, for the purpose of conducting the elections;

iii) the Adhoc Committee shall strictly in accordance with the Constitution of the Society and the Rules framed thereunder, conduct the elections within a period of 45 days, from the date of passing the order.

6. At this stage, learned counsel for the respondent No.7, submits that the Returning Officer, appointed by the petitioner, may have changed the electoral roll, which may also be ordered to be examined by the Adhoc Committee.

7. The request made by the learned counsel for the respondent No.7, is not opposed by the learned counsel for the petitioner.

8. Consequently, the Adhoc Committee, is also directed to examine the electoral roll, as well.

9. Ordered accordingly.

**(KULDEEP TIWARI)**  
**JUDGE**

March 27, 2025  
Manpreet

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No  
Whether reportable : Yes/No