

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

CWP-31244-2026

LAL SINGH AND ORS

....PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND ORS

....RESPONDENT(S)

Present: Mr. Vaibhav Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners

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Learned counsel for the petitioners has assailed the order dated 07.09.2026 passed by the Assistant Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Rewari (P-12), alleging that the same is without jurisdiction, as the Assistant Registrar has no power under the Haryana Cooperative Societies Act, 1984, or the Rules of 1989 framed thereunder, to stay the election of the Society with immediate effect until the completion of an enquiry into the result of the aforesaid election.

It is argued that the election had already been conducted on 04.09.2026 and the result thereof was declared in the meeting of the General Body of the Society, i.e. respondent No. 6, which was also duly conveyed to the Assistant Registrar, Cooperative Societies. It was only upon receipt of the said result, that the impugned order was arbitrarily passed, without affording any opportunity of hearing to the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the petitioners would rely upon Section 28(2) of the Haryana Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 to press the submission that, once the election process has commenced, the same cannot be postponed or stayed on account of any dispute, and that any such dispute can be raised only by way of an election petition in accordance with the provisions of the said Act.

It is further submitted that the date of election had been notified by the Assistant Registrar, Cooperative Societies himself, and the Inspector, Cooperative Societies, Rewari, had been appointed as the Election Officer to supervise the election process. However, the said officer chose not to

supervise the election on the pretext that the records of the Society had not been made available, allegedly under the instructions of the Assistant Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Rewari. This was despite the fact that the said officer, i.e. the Inspector, Cooperative Societies, Rewari, had been appointed as a member of the Board of Administrators vide order dated 27.08.2026 (P-7) and, by virtue of such appointment, had been exercising complete control over and had custody of the records of the Society since his appointment.

Notice of motion.

Since the State/respondents were served with an advance copy of the petition, Mr. Ajit Kumar Sharma, DAG Haryana has put in appearance and prays for time to file reply.

The State may file a reply 03 days prior to the next date of hearing with an advance copy supplied to the learned counsel for the opposite party.

On his request, hearing of the case is deferred to 12.01.2027.

The operation of the impugned order dated 07.09.2026 (Annexure P-12) shall remain stayed till the next date of hearing.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

23.09.2026

Naina Rajput