

HARBAKSH CHARITABLE SOCIETY

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

Present: Mr. Varun Dutta, Advocate and
Mr. Karan Bhardwaj, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Maninder Singh Garcha, Addl. AG, Punjab with
Ms. Samdisha Kaur, AAG, Punjab and
Ms. Mehak Kanwar, Advocate
for the respondent(s)-State.

Mr. Prateek Gupta, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

The petitioner is a charitable society and has filed the present petition allegedly in public interest challenging *Mukh Mantri Mawan Dheeyan Satkar Yojana* notified on 02.04.2026 on the ground that the purpose of the scheme is only to secure votes in favour of the ruling dispensation. Clause 9 of the Scheme is highlighted which specifies the documentation required to avail benefit under the Scheme.

It is asserted that mandatory requirement of Voter ID card of Punjab State, issued by the Election Commission of India for availing benefit under the Scheme clearly indicates that object of Scheme is only to secure votes from the beneficiaries. It is further submitted that Voter ID card can be one of the documents required for the purposes of identification *etc.*, but requiring it mandatorily for the grant of benefit under the Scheme manifests its purpose *i.e.*, to act as a *quid pro quo* for securing votes.

Learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab opposes the petitioner's claim and seeks adjournment in order to obtain instructions and

clarify the purpose for which Voter ID card is made mandatory for grant of benefit under the Scheme.

As prayed, adjourned to **05.10.2026**.

[ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA]
CHIEF JUSTICE

[ROHIT KAPOOR]
JUDGE

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026
Rahul Joshi