

**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN AT
JODHPUR**

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 6698/2026

Poonam D/o Madan Lal, Aged About 36 Years, R/o 733/21, Diggi Bazar, Regar Mohalla, Near Hatai, Ajmer, Rajasthan.

-----Petitioner

Versus

1. State Of Rajasthan, Through Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Government Secretariat Rajasthan, Jaipur, Rajasthan.
2. The Director, Elementary Education, Rajasthan, Bikaner.
3. The District Election Officer (Collector), Ajmer.
4. The District Education Officer (Hqrs), Elementary Education, Ajmer.
5. The Election Registration Officer, Vidhansabha Area Pushkar, And Sub Divisional Officer, Pushkar, District Ajmer.

-----Respondents

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. R.P. Saini
For Respondent(s) :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FARJAND ALI

Order

27/03/2026

1. The present writ petition has been filed by the petitioner with the following prayers:-

(I) Issue an appropriate writ order or direction in the nature thereof thereby, the respondents be directed to relive the petitioner from the charge of BLO and to continue the petitioner as Teacher Gr. III Level I at Govt. Primary School Avasan Mandal, Daurai, Ajmer.

(ii) Issue an appropriate writ order or direction in the nature thereof thereby, the action of the respondents be

declared illegal by which they have not relieved the petitioner from the charge of Booth Level Officer.

(iii) Any other order or direction which this Hon'ble Court may deem fit, just and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case may also be passed in favour of the Petitioner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the issue involved in the instant writ petition is squarely covered by the judgment of Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in SBCWP No.352/2026 titled as Rajesh Kumar Meena Vs. State of Rajasthan & Anr, decided on 15.01.2026.

3. For ready reference, the order dated 15.01.2026 passed in the case of Rajesh Kumar Meena (supra) is reproduced hereunder:-

"1. The present writ petition has been filed challenging the impugned orders dated 01.02.2026 (Annex.4) whereby the petitioner has been appointed as 'Booth Level Officer' (BLO) at Madya Bagh, Senior Secondary School, Indawar, Merta City, District Nagaur, whereas the petitioner is not an elector/voter in that constituency. He further submits that as per the instructions of the Election Commission of India issued vide order dated 09.06.2025, a 'Booth Level Officer' (BLO) should be a voter in the polling station where, he is deputed as 'Block Level Officer' (BLO). 2. In this regard, certain guidelines have been issued by the Election Commission of India which reads as follows:

"1.1 ERO to appoint a BLO for each part of an electoral roll, under Section 13B(2) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, amongst any Group C and above regular serving employees of state/local government enrolled as elector in that part.

1.2 In the absence of regular state/local government employees, ERO may appoint BLO amongst Anganwadi workers, Contract Teachers, or central government employees. However, in such cases, CEO shall obtain a non-availability certificate (Annexure-I) signed by ERO and countersigned by DEO.

1.3 In the absence of any employee of categories mentioned above enrolled as an elector in that part of electoral roll, ERO with the prior approval of CEO, may appoint BLO amongst such categories of employee working in the area covered by that part of electoral roll."

3. A reading of the above clause makes out that the employees who are falling under Group-C category are required to be appointed as Booth Level Officer in the booth in which such employee is registered as an elector. If the officers of Group – C are not available in the booth then they have to resort to any other Anganwadi workers, contract teachers or Central Government employees who are registered as voters in that particular booth. If the above two category employees are not found registered as elector in the booth, then any other person from any other areas can be appointed in that booth, even though they are not registered as voters in that booth.

4. The petitioner's claim is that there are employees who are registered voters in the respective booth for which the petitioner was appointed. In spite of availability of such employees, the petitioner was appointed in the said booth and the appointment order does not indicate that the categories of employees as detailed in Clause 1.1 and 1.2 were not available so that the petitioner could be appointed to the said booth though she is not a registered voter in that booth.

5. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner's case may be reconsidered in case any of the employees referred in Clause 1.1 and 1.2 of the amended Guidelines dated 05.06.2025 are available, they shall be appointed as BLO instead of the petitioner who is not a registered elector in the said booth.

6. The request made by the petitioner appears to be in tune with the guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India. On a clear reading of the impugned order of appointment it can be seen that there is no indication in the appointment order that the appointment of the petitioner as an Booth Level Officer where she was not a registered voter was resorted to on account of non availability of employees categorized in Clause 1.1 and 1.2 in the amended guidelines dated 05.06.2025. Therefore, this Court is inclined to dispose of this writ petition.

7. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of with liberty to the petitioner to make a representation indicating the names of the employees who are available in the booth for which the petitioner was appointed as BLO within a period of one week. If any such representation is made, the respondent authority shall reconsider the order of appointing the petitioner as BLO and pass appropriate orders within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

8. Till such representation is disposed of, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioner for not joining in consequence of the appointment order. However, the respondents are given liberty to

continue the order if the authorities found that the officer of category 1 and 2 are not available, they can resort to clause 1.3 of the guidelines.

9. All pending applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.”

4. In view of the above, the present writ petition is disposed of in same terms and with same directions as given in the case of Rajesh Kumar Meena (supra). The petitioner is at liberty to make a representation indicating the names of the employees who are available in the booth for which the petitioner was appointed as BLO within a period of one week. If any such representation is made, the respondent authority shall reconsider the order of appointing the petitioner as BLO and pass appropriate orders within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of this order. Till such representation is disposed of, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioner for not joining in consequence of the appointment order. However, the respondents are given liberty to continue the order if the authorities found that the officer of category 1 and 2 are not available, they can resort to clause 1.3 of the guidelines.

(FARJAND ALI),J