

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

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 269/2026

Sugana Devi W/o Suresh Kumar Khair, Aged About 35 Years, R/o Nayawas, Post Nayawas, District Udaipur (Raj.). Ppresently Holding The Post Of Pradhan Of Panchayat Samiti, Kotra, District Udaipur.

-----Petitioner

Versus

1. State Of Rajasthan, Through The Secretary, Rural Development And Panchayati Raj Department, Government Secretariat, Jaipur, Rajasthan.
2. The Divisional Commissioner, Udaipur.
3. The District Collector, Udaipur.
4. The Sub-Divisional Officer, Kotra, District Udaipur.
5. The Chief Executive Officer, Zila Parishad, Udaipur.
6. The Block Development Officer, Panchayat Samiti Kotra, District Udaipur.

-----Respondents

Connected With

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 24473/2025

Narender Kumar Jain S/o Sh. Devi Lal Jain, Aged About 52 Years, R/o Ghasa, Tehsil Mavli, Udaipur, Raj.

-----Petitioner

Versus

1. The State Of Rajasthan, Through The Secretary, Department Of Rural Development And Panchayati Raj, Government Of Rajasthan, Jaipur, Raj.
2. The Commissioner, Department Of Rural Development And Panchayati Raj, Government Of Rajasthan, Jaipur, Raj.
3. The District Collector, Udaipur.
4. The Sub Divisional Officer, Mavli, District Udaipur.
5. Panchayat Samiti Mavli, District Udaipur Through Its Block Development Officer.

-----Respondents

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 24605/2025

1. Ganga Ram Meena S/o Shri Kalu, Aged About 64 Years, R/o Chanda Ji Ka Guda, Post Pilagar, Tehsil Sarada, District Salumbar.
2. Durga Prasad Meena S/o Shri Kalu Singh Meena, Aged About 56 Years, Mukam Post Rathora, Tehsil Semari, District Salumbar.
3. Smt. Basanti Devi W/o Raghuveer Singh Meena, Aged About 60 Years, R/o Prasad, Tehsil Sarada, District Salumbar.

4. Dhuli Ram S/o Tejaji Meena, Aged About 51 Years, R/o Jarmal Post Sheshpur, Tehsil Jhallara, District Salumbar.
5. Smt. Ganga Devi Meena W/o Roop Lal Meena, Aged About 57 Years, R/o Jalarfala, Post Kaduni, Tehsil And District Salumbar.

-----Petitioners

Versus

1. State Of Rajasthan, Through Secretary, Gramin Vikas And Panchayati Raj Department, Jaipur.
2. Secretary, State Election Commission, Rajasthan, Jaipur.
3. Divisional Commissioner, Udaipur.
4. District Collector, Salumbar.

-----Respondents

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 24617/2025

Sunder W/o Sh. Papu Lal, Aged About 38 Years, R/o Bhadwi Gurha, Panchayat Samiti Gogunda, Udaipur, Raj.

-----Petitioner

Versus

1. The State Of Rajasthan, Through The Secretary, Department Of Rural Development And Panchayati Raj, Government Of Rajasthan, Jaipur, Raj.
2. The Commissioner, Department Of Rural Development And Panchayati Raj, Government Of Rajasthan, Jaipur, Raj
3. The District Collector, Udaipur.
4. The Sub Divisional Officer, Gogunda, District Udaipur.
5. Panchayat Samiti Gogunda, District Udaipur Through Its Block Development Officer.

-----Respondents

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 24631/2025

Sajjan Devi Katara W/o Late Sh. Khemraj Katara, Aged About 70 Years, R/o Barapal, Tehsil Girwa, Udaipur (Raj.).

-----Petitioner

Versus

1. The State Of Rajasthan, Through The Secretary, Department Of Rural Development And Panchayati Raj, Government Of Rajasthan, Jaipur (Raj.).
2. The Commissioner, Department Of Rural Development And Panchayati Raj, Government Of Rajasthan Jaipur (Raj.).
3. The District Collector, Udaipur.
4. The Sub Divisional Officer, Girwa, District Udaipur.
5. Panchayat Samiti Girwa, District Udaipur Through Its Block Development Officer.

-----Respondents

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Pawan Singh Rathore
For Respondent(s) : Mr. Kuldeep Singh Solanki on behalf
of Mr. I.R. Choudhary, AAG

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP MATHUR

Order

10/03/2026

1. The petitioners, by way of filing the present writ petitions, have prayed that after completion of their tenure as Pradhan/Up-Pradhan of the concerned Panchayat Samities, they may be allowed to continue on the said posts as Administrators. According to the petitioners, the decision of the State Government to appoint SDOs as Administrators in all Panchayat Samities whose tenure has expired, but where elections could not be conducted due to unavoidable reasons, is ex facie illegal, arbitrary, and discriminatory. It is contended that the Sarpanchs of Gram Panchayats, even after completion of their tenure, have been allowed to continue as Administrators till fresh elections are held.
2. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the material available on record, this Court finds that the petitioners were elected as Pradhan/Up-Pradhan of the concerned Panchayat Samities. It is not in dispute that the tenure of the petitioners as Pradhan/Up-Pradhan has expired and that fresh elections of the Panchayat Samities are due, which are likely to be held in the near future.
3. In the opinion of this Court, after completion of the tenure as Pradhan/Up-Pradhan, a person has no right to stake a claim for continuance until fresh elections are held in the absence of any

statutory rule, guideline, or circular. The petitioners do not possess any vested right to claim continuance or appointment as Administrator of the concerned Panchayat Samiti after the expiry of their tenure. Merely because the Sarpanchs of Gram Panchayats have been allowed to function as Administrators, no right can be claimed by the petitioners seeking continuance as Administrators in place of the SDOs, as directed by the State Government in the circular/notification dated 08.12.2025, issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Sections 95 and 101 of the Panchayati Raj Act, 1994.

4. In view of the aforesaid, the present writ petitions are dismissed as being devoid of merit.

5. The stay petitions, if any, also stand disposed of.

(KULDEEP MATHUR),J

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