

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
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Mr. Maninder Singh, learned Senior Advocate appearing for the petitioners has invited our attention to the Government Order dated 06.04.2021, which postponed the elections to various Co-operative Societies. It however made an exception in cases where there were orders passed either by the High Court or by this Court to conduct elections by a particular date.

Mr. Maninder Singh submits that there were no such peremptory directions issued by the High Court or by this Court in the instant matter, as a result of which an exception could be made. He further submits that if the situation, pursuant to the increasing spread of COVID-19 pandemic, is of such dimension and alarming proportion that elections with respect to other Co-operative Societies must be postponed, no exception could be made in the instant case.

These submissions are countered by Mr. P.S. Patwalia, learned Senior Advocate, appearing for some of the respondents on caveat.

At this stage, we issue notice only to State of Maharashtra, which may be served upon through the learned Standing Counsel for the State.

Let notice be made returnable on 26.04.2021.

In the meantime, the respondent is at liberty to put in their affidavits in reply.

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