

Writ Petition No. 125 of 2003(M/B)

Smt. Padma Bisht and others ..... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Uttaranchal and  
others ..... Respondents

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**Hon. A.A.Desai,C.J.**  
**Hon.M.M. Ghildiyal, J.**

Heard Sri P.C. Bisht, learned counsel for the petitioners and  
learned Chief Standing Counsel.

The petitioners have a grievance that their names have not been  
included in the voter's list for the Panchayat Elections. They, therefore, are  
seeking direction for the inclusion of their name in the voter's list.

We have heard learned counsel for the parties at length.

Mr. N.B. Tiwari, learned C.S.C. made a statement that the voters list  
was published in the month of November-December, 2002 in the news  
paper. The petitioners have not raised any objection to that. The filing of  
nomination commenced from 25.02.2003. They are till 2<sup>nd</sup> of March.

The petitioners tried to canvass a grievance that just few days before  
he approached to the Returning Officer with the grievance. However, he  
did not entertain the same. The submission of the learned counsel for the  
petitioners is that they have no knowledge about the publication of the  
voters list in the news paper. The grievance as canvassed are without any  
merit. The petition is highly belated. To entertain this petition, at this state  
would not be in the interest of justice.

We, therefore, dismiss the petition.

**(A.A.Desai,C.J.)**

**(M.M. Ghildiyal, J.)**

Dt.27.02.2003

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