



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

207

CWP-19818-2018
Date of decision: 31.07.2024

COURT ITS OWN MOTION

..Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Hardeep Singh, complainant (in person).
Mr. Arvind Moudgil, Advocate (*amicus curiae*).
Mr. Saurav Khurana, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

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SHEEL NAGU, C.J. (Oral)

1. Sh. A.D.S. Sukhija, Advocate, who has been appointed as *amicus curiae* vide order dated 13.02.2019, prays for relieving himself from the responsibilities of *amicus curiae* as he has been appointed as Additional Advocate General in the office of Advocate General, Punjab.
2. The prayer of Sh. A.D.S. Sukhija, Advocate, is accepted and he is discharged from the responsibilities of *amicus curiae*.
3. We request Sh. Arvind Moudgil, Advocate, who is present in Court to act as an *amicus curiae* in the present case to assist the Court.
4. In the present Public Interest Litigation (PIL) cognizance has been taken by the Court on its own motion based on complaint/letter sent by one Sh. Hardeep Singh. The allegations principally pertain to the alleged corruption by the civil post holders in the Department of Rural Development



and Panchayats while executing the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme.

5. To inquire into the allegations of corruption, Lokayukta has been appointed by the State under The Punjab Lokpal Act, 1996.

6. Accordingly, this Court while declining interference on merits relegates petitioner to the Lokayukta with a request to the Lokayukta that this petition be treated as a complaint and an appropriate inquiry be conducted and orders in accordance with law be passed.

7. It is made clear that this Court has not commented upon the merits of the allegations and thus the Lokayukta is free to decide the said complaint in accordance with law without being prejudiced by this order.

8. The petition accordingly stands disposed of.

9. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

July 31st, 2024
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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>