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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH**

CWP-PIL-4-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision:- 13.01.2025

Bhagwant Rai

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondent(s)

**CORAM:**      **HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE**  
**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR SINGH**

Present:-      Mr. H.C. Arora, Advocate,  
                         Ms. Sunaina, Advocate,  
                         for the petitioner.

Mr. Jasdeep Singh Gill, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

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**SHEEL NAGU, C.J. (ORAL)**

1.              This petition filed as a Public Interest Litigation raises the public cause relating to a letter dated 15.07.2024 (Annexure P-7) issued by respondent No. 5 - Additional Deputy Commissioner (G), Barnala to respondent No. 7 as certain agricultural land has been aggregated/added to the approved Astha Enclave (34.60 acres) within Barnala City which as per the petitioner is not in accordance with law and, therefore, several persons are suffering.

2.              Learned State counsel, on the other side, has pointed out that the Punjab Apartment and Property Regulation Act (PAPRA), 1995 provides for a remedy of appeal under Section 33 before the Appellate Authority and further remedy of revision under Section 34 before the State Government.

3.           The person aggrieved can very well approach the Appellate Authority so constituted by the State Government and thereafter move to the State Government, if still aggrieved.
4.           It is settled in law that in case where alternative remedy is available, it should be left for the aggrieved party to avail the said remedy instead of entertaining PILs (please see *Jaipur Shahar Hindu Vikas Samiti Vs State of Rajasthan and others*, (2014) 5 SCC 530 and *Jafar Imam Naqvi Vs Election Commission of India*, (2014) 15 SCC 420).
5.           In view of the above, no case for interference is made out.
6.           The petition, accordingly, stands dismissed.

(SHEEL NAGU)  
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SUDHIR SINGH)  
JUDGE

13.01.2025  
Amodh Sharma

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |