



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

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**CWP-PIL No.14 of 2024
Date of decision : 19.5.2025**

Onkar Nath and others**.....Petitioners****Versus****State of Punjab and another****.....Respondents**

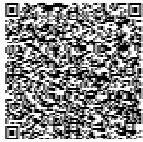
**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL**

Present: Mr. H.C. Arora, Advocate, for the petitioners

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Senior DAG, Punjab

SHEEL NAGU, CJ. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed seeking issuance of writ of *certiorari* for quashing Rule 7 (4) of the Punjab Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2011, being in violation of the provisions of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (in short 'the RTE Act, 2009'); and also for the impugned provision having frustrated the right of the children of weaker section and disadvantaged groups to seek admission in unaided private schools under 25% quota of the RTE Act, 2009. The petitioner further prays for issuance of directions to the respondents to direct the unaided private schools to give admissions to children of weaker section and disadvantaged groups in Class I without any pre-condition as envisaged in the impugned provision and to restrain them from making any admissions



to Class I without ensuring admission to 25% students from weaker sections.

After issuing notice of motion, this Court on 28.2.2025 passed interim order in the same terms as in CWP-PIL No.285 of 2024.

2. Vide order dated 9.4.2025, the said petition i.e. CWP-PIL No.285 of 2024 was disposed of since the fundamental prayer of the petitioner had rendered infructuous in view of State of Punjab having withdrawn the offending provision.

3. In view of the above, the present petition also stands disposed of in terms of order dated 9.4.2025 passed in CWP-PIL-285 of 2024.

4. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

19.5.2025
Ashwani

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No