



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

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**CWP-PIL No.107 of 2024 (O & M)
Date of decision : 29.1.2025**

Lakshay Attri**Petitioner**
Versus
Chandigarh Administration and others**Respondents**

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

Present: Mr. Sunil Chadha, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Akshay Chadha, Advocate, for the petitioner

Mr. Himanshu Arora, Advocate, for the respondents

SHEEL NAGU, CJ. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed as a public interest litigation
(PIL) praying for the following relief:-

(a) Issue an appropriate writ, order or direction in the nature of
certiorari and *mandamus* directing the respondents to take
immediate remedial steps to restore the Football Stadium in
Sector-17, Chandigarh in conformity with international
standards as the entire work was undertaken with a view to
upgrade the Foodball Stadium for which a huge amount was
sanctioned.

(b) Order for setting up of a Committee headed by a retired
Hon'ble High Court Judge or any other independent agency



to investigate into the lackadaisical conduct of the respondent-Administration and also held the officials responsible for the same and suggest remedial steps to be taken by the respondent-Administration.

2. This Court by interlocutory order dated 17.7.2024 restricted the scope of this petition only with regard to the sporting activities in and around Sector 17, Chandigarh.

3. However, the only contention raised by learned counsel for the petitioner is that instead of the size made available in the said Urban Park for football field, which is 107 x 17 meters, larger area should have been made available so that there should be ample buffer space around the football field for enabling the players to properly play football without colliding with the fending/boundary wall. Further argument of learned counsel for the petitioner is that the buffer area which ought to have been available around football field has instead been utilized for laying sprinklers and drainage.

4. The UT Administration has already informed that due to space constraints, the size of buffer area in and around the football field is not being provided.

5. In the considered opinion of this Court, policy matter of football field being of a particular size cannot be gone into when the said Stadium is not open for national and international matches.

6. This Court cannot step into the shoes of the Administration and start running the administration.



7. In view of the above, no interference is called for and the petition stands dismissed.

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

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

29.1.2025
Ashwani

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