

2025:PHHC:131516-DB



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

CWP-PIL-258-2025

Date of decision : 22.09.2025

Jagdish Masih and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY**

Present: Mr. Simranjit Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Maninderjit Singh Bedi, Advocate General, Punjab
With Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Senior DAG, Punjab.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. This Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has been filed raising the alleged public cause that a Writ of Quo Warranto be issued in respect of the appointment of respondent No.4 (Jatinder Masih Gaurav), who has been appointed vide notification dated 12.08.2025 (Annexure P-1) as Chairperson of Punjab State Commission for Minorities, on various grounds, including that he is only 8th Class pass and there is an FIR registered against respondent No.4 for offences punishable under Sections 364-A, 342 read with Section 34 IPC.

2. Learned Advocate General, Punjab, however, submits that the aforesaid FIR has been quashed vide order dated 19.03.2009 passed by this Court in CRM-M-4251-2009 and also

that respondent No.4 is 10th class pass as per matriculate examination marks sheet dated 16.05.2025.

3. In view of the above, it appears that this PIL has not been filed after due verification of facts. More so, the said petition is sketchy and bereft of details and specificity.

4. Accordingly, it appears that the judicial process has been misused by filing this petition and therefore, the same stands dismissed with costs of Rs.25,000/- to be deposited with the PGI Poor Patient Welfare Fund, Chandigarh, within a period of 15 days.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

September 22, 2025
Ajay Prasher

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