



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

CWP-PIL-266-2025

Date of decision: 23.09.2025

Gurkirat Singh Maan and others

....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents.

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

**Present:- Mr. Saurav Bhatia, Advocate,
for the petitioners.**

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Senior DAG, Punjab.

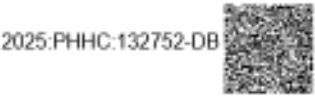
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SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

Challange in this petition (CWP-PIL-266-2025) is to the order dated 21.05.2025 (Annexure P-2) passed by Punjab Pollution Control Board alleging water and air pollution caused by respondent No. 2.

2. Hon'ble Apex Court has repeatedly held that in cases where alternative statutory remedy is available, ordinarily, Public Interest Litigation ought not to be entertained, unless the said remedy is availed.

3. In the present case, u/s 28 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and u/s 31 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, an appeal can be filed by any aggrieved person including a stranger, provided the person is aggrieved against order of State Pollution Control Board.



- 4. The petitioner is free to avail the said remedy by filing an appropriate appeal in accordance with law.
- 5. Disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

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(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

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| i) | <i>Whether speaking/reasoned?</i> | <i>Yes/No</i> |
| ii) | <i>Whether reportable?</i> | <i>Yes/No</i> |