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

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**Date of decision: 11.12.2025**

**Shankar Dass****....Petitioner.**

**Versus**

**Government of India, Ministry of  
Environment and ors****....Respondents.**

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

**Present:- Mr. M.S. Virk, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.**

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Addl. Solicitor General of India  
(through VC)  
Mr. Karanvir Singh Kathuria, Central Government  
Counsel for respondents No. 1 and 2-UOI.

Mr. Maninder Singh, Addl. AG, Punjab with  
Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Senior DAG, Punjab

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**SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)**

By way of this petition, the petitioner raises a public cause, seeking thorough inquiry and cancellation of Forest Land Exchange Deed No. 1940 dated 04.07.2005 (Annexure P-5) and approval dated 19.03.2010 (Annexure P-7), whereby the fertile forest land of the Forest Department has been given in exchange of choe land in the name of Sant Surinder Dass for the religious purpose.

2. Though the petitioner has already made representation dated 02.05.2025 (Annexure P-21) to respondent No. 2 but not to the



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competent authority, the petitioner is directed to make a fresh representation to respondent No. 4 which if made within a period of 30 days along with a copy of this order, the same shall be considered and decided on its own merits by passing a speaking order and communicate the outcome to the petitioner within a period of 60 days.

4. With these observations, the petition stands disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)  
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SANJIV BERRY)  
JUDGE

11.12.2025

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