



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

CWP-PIL-308-2025

Date of decision: 12th November, 2025

Navneet Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

Union Territory of Chandigarh & others

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Vaneet Kumar Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Jhanji, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Abhinav Sood, Mr. Varun Sandhu,
Mr. Sayym Garg and Mr. Mehndi Singhal, Advocates
for Union Territory, Chandigarh.

Mr. Ravi Kamal Gupta, Advocate for respondent No.3/CBI.

Mr. Deepak Balyan, Addl. Advocate General, Haryana
for respondent No.4/State.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (ORAL)

1. This Public Interest Litigation has been filed by a public-spirited person, who alleges to have been disturbed by the events which took place on 07.10.2025, where one of the senior members of the Indian Police Service (IPS) serving in the State of Haryana committed suicide with the aid of a firearm.

2. This Court, on the last occasion, had enquired from learned counsel for the petitioner as to whether present facts and circumstances prevailing herein satisfy the guidelines laid down by the Apex Court while deciding the question of handing over investigation to an independent agency. Unfortunately, there was no satisfactory answer from the learned counsel for petitioner and not even a single judgment of the Supreme Court was read-over.

3. Yet, this Court, on 10.11.2025, directed the Union Territory, Chandigarh, to disclose the present stage of investigation pursuant to FIR No.156 dated 09.10.2025, alleging the offence of abetment to suicide.

4. Learned senior counsel appearing on behalf of the UT Administration has informed that 14 persons are arraigned as accused in the said FIR and pursuant to the lodging of aforesaid FIR, statements of 22 witnesses have been recorded under Section 161 Cr.P.C. [equivalent to Section 180 of BNSS] and certain items seized, have been sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory, Chandigarh and Phillaur, District Jalandhar, but reports thereof are awaited. Learned senior counsel has also informed that on 10.10.2025, a Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by the Inspector General of Police, UT Chandigarh has been constituted, which is looking after the investigation. Copy of aforesaid order dated 10.10.2025 is taken on record as Annexure-X.

5. From the aforesaid, it appears that for the time being there is no delay or laxity on the part of Investigating Agency in conducting the investigation.

6. In view of above, no case for handing over investigation of the present case to any Independent Agency is made out, and therefore, the present petition stands dismissed, sans cost.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

November 12, 2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No