



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

CWP-PIL-271-2024

Date of decision : 09.01.2025

Ranjeet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

Union Territory of Chandigarh and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR SINGH

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

Mr. Abhinav Sood Addl. Standing Counsel, UT Chandigarh, and
Ms. Mehndi Singhal, Advocate,
for UT Chandigarh.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Jahaan Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate, and
Mr. Harsh Vasu Gupta, Advocate,
for respondent No.6.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. The present Public Interest Litigation was filed raising a public cause that an event was scheduled to be held by respondent No.6 from 7.00 PM to 10.00 PM on 14.12.2024, during which time the speakers and public address system including musical instruments and sound amplifiers were proposed to be used. In this back ground, it was contended by the petitioner that though the area in which the event was to be held is of commercial usage but the same has residential houses, where children and senior citizens reside in close vicinity.



2. This Court, after taking cognizance of the matter on 13.12.2024, had passed the following interim order :-

“9. In view of the above, looking to the preparation made by the official respondents as well as the private respondent No.6, the Court has no hesitation in allowing the event to take place subject to ambient air quality standards in respect of noise are maintained at a maximum limit of 75 dB (A) at the boundary of the public place where event is to be held.

10. In case the noise level increases beyond 75 dB (A), then the official respondents are directed to take penal action against the organizers as prescribed by the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000.”

3. It is not disputed at the Bar that the event in question, in regard to which the restraint order was passed for keeping the decibel level within 75 dB (A) by the aforesaid order, has been held on 14.12.2024.

4. The compliance report, that has been filed by UT Administration, is accompanied by a letter dated 16.12.2024 (Annexure A-4) of the Sub Divisional Magistrate (South), U.T. Chandigarh, revealing that the decibel level of 75 dB (A) was breached.

5. Accordingly, the UT Administration has issued show cause notice to the concerned Organizing Company of the event in question on 02.01.2025 asking it to show cause as to why action under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, be not initiated.

6. The aforesaid show cause notice produced by learned counsel for UT Administration before this Court is taken on record as Annexure ‘X’.



7. In view of the above, this Court is satisfied that since the interim order passed by this Court for maintaining particular decibel level was breached by the Organizing Company, UT Administration has taken appropriate steps in accordance with law, which this Court believes would be taken to its logical end, after following due process of law.
8. With the aforesaid observations, the petition stands disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SUDHIR SINGH)
JUDGE

January 09, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No