



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

CWP-PIL-277-2024 ( O&amp;M )

Date of decision : 29.01.2025

Aseem Raj Chugh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. H.C. Arora, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Anurag Chopra, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

Ms. Harpriya Khaneka, Advocate,  
for respondents No.4 to 6.

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

1. This petition has been filed as a PIL raising the alleged public cause of number of posts, which are lying vacant in the Punjab Pollution Control Board, having been filled up by temporary arrangement of outsource/contractual employees without adopting due process of law for filling them up on substantive basis.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner does not deny that the same issue is pending consideration before the Apex Court in Writ Petition No. 13029/1985, titled "M.C. Mehta Vs. Union of India and others", wherein, *inter alia*, the issue of large number of vacancies in the Punjab Pollution Control



Board as well as the Haryana Pollution Control Board not being filled up has been raised.

3. This Court would, thus, refrain from considering the same issue, which is pending adjudication before the Apex Court.

4. The petitioner is always free to approach Apex Court in accordance with law.

5. With the aforesaid liberty, without commenting upon merits of the case, the petition stands disposed of.

( SHEEL NAGU )  
CHIEF JUSTICE

( SUMEET GOEL )  
JUDGE

January 29, 2025  
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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |