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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 12.03.2026

SHIVAM KUMAR SHARMA

....PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

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

Present: - Mr. Akhil Dadwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Shubham Thakur, Advocate for respondent No.5.

SHEEL NAGU, C.J. (Oral)

1. By way of this PIL, the petitioner has sought writ of mandamus for direction to respondents No. 1 to 5 to consider and decide the representations (Annexures P-1 to P-5) submitted by the petitioner. Further direction to respondents No. 1, 2, 4 and 6 is sought to formulate and implement a clear, time bound action plan for completion of the incomplete science block and all other pending infrastructural works at M.R.P.D. Government College, Talwara.

2. Which particular course in which particular language should be started in a particular college or University is not within the domain of this Court, especially when this Court is not equipped with any such technical know-how to delve into this issue. More so, the Apex Court, in the case of '*Santosh Singh Versus Union of India and another*', (2016) 8 SCC 253, has held as under:

"18. While there can be no dispute about the need of providing value-based education, what form this should take and the manner in which values should be inculcated ought not to be

ordained by the court. The court singularly lacks the expertise to do so. The petitioner has a grouse about what she describes as the pervading culture of materialism in our society. The jurisdiction of this Court under Article 32 is not a panacea for all ills but a remedy for the violation of fundamental rights. The remedies for such perceived grievances as the petitioner has about the dominant presence of materialism must lie elsewhere and it is for those who have the competence and the constitutional duty to lay down and implement educational policies to deal with such problems.

19. There is a tendency on the part of public interest petitioners to assume that every good thing which society should aspire to achieve can be achieved through the instrumentality of the court. The judicial process provides remedies for constitutional or legal infractions. Public interest litigation allows a relaxation of the strict rules of locus standi. However, the court must necessarily abide by the parameters which govern a nuanced exercise of judicial power. Hence, where an effort is made to bring issues of governance before the court, the basic touchstone on which the invocation of jurisdiction must rest is whether the issue can be addressed within the framework of law or the Constitution. Matters of policy are entrusted to the executive arm of the State. The court is concerned with the preservation of the rule of law.”

3. Accordingly, no case is made out for interference in this PIL, and therefore, the petition stands dismissed.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

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(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

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