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

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Date of decision: 13.03.2026

NIKHIL SARAF

....PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENT

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

Present: - Mr. Nikhil Saraf, Petitioner-in-Person.

Mr. Maninderjit Singh Bedi, Advocate General Punjab
with Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Sr. DAG Punjab.

SHEEL NAGU, C.J. (Oral)

1. This Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has been filed, essentially raising the alleged public cause, that despite informing the concerned Competent Authority about the commission of cognizable offences punishable under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 and Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, no case has yet been registered.
2. The grievance of the petitioner is that despite having moved representation to respondent No.3-Chief Director, Punjab Vigilance Bureau, vide Annexure P-2, no action thereon has been taken.
3. Perusal of record would reveal that the aforesaid representation (Annexure P-2) has been preferred by the petitioner on 31.10.2025 and no final decision thereon has been taken as yet. Even no application by the petitioner has been filed before the Competent Authority seeking prior approval under Section 17-A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

4. In view of the above, the present petition, being premature, is hereby dismissed.

5. The petitioner is, however, at liberty to seek appropriate remedy by filing the complaint under the relevant provisions of BNSS, if so advised.

(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 |