



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

COC-1383-2026 (O&M)

Date of Decision: May 06, 2026

Gurpal Singh Grewal

.....Petitioner

Vs.

Priyanka Bharti and ors.

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUDEEPTI SHARMA

Present: Mr. Sushane Puri, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ravneet Singh Joshi, DAG, Punjab

SUDEEPTI SHARMA J. (Oral)

1. The present contempt petition has been filed for deliberate and intentional disobedience of order dated 22.12.2025 passed in CM-3811-2025 in CWP No. 18565-2021 wherein following directions were passed:-

“8. Considering all these facts and circumstances, since the applicant is proceeding after taking requisite permission/NOC from the concerned departments and the Forest Department has already granted final approval for felling of 58 trees subject to Compensatory Afforestation (CA) at the cost of the applicant, the instant application is hereby allowed by clarifying that the said orders dated 27.09.2021, 29.10.2021 and 15.11.2021 passed in CM-14966-CWP-2021, CM-15944-CWP-2021, CM-16022-CWP-2021 in/and CWP-18565-2021 titled as “Jasinder Sekhon and others vs. State of Punjab and others” will not come in the way of implementation of the final approval dated 28.10.2024 (Annexure A-6) granted by the forest department to the applicant. However, the applicant as well as Forest Department will submit regular monthly reports regarding Compensatory Afforestation every month along with pictures. This order will however be subject to the final outcome of the CWP-18565-2021.”

2. Learned counsel for the State submits that in compliance of the above referred to order, affidavit dated 08.04.2026 of Kaushal Kishore, Divisional Forest Officer, Sangrur has been filed on behalf of respondent No. 3. The same is taken on



3. A perusal of para No. 6 onwards of the above affidavit shows that the Public Interest Litigation (CWP-PIL-392-2025) is pending before Division Bench of this Court because of which cutting of trees is banned. Thus, order dated 22.12.2025 passed in CM-3811-2025 in CWP No. 18565-2021 cannot be complied with.

4. In view of the above, the contempt is purged. Rule is *discharged*.

5. Liberty is however granted to the petitioner to avail the remedy as is available to him, in accordance with law after the decision of CWP-PIL-392-2025 involving cutting of trees.

6. Pending application (s) if any also stands disposed of.

May 06, 2026

Gaurav Arora

(SUDEEPTI SHARMA)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/non-speaking : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No