



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

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CWP-PIL-129-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 22.05.2026

GOKUL SETIA**...PETITIONER****VERSUS****STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS****...RESPONDENTS**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR**

Present : Mr. Arpandeep Narula, Advocate (arguing counsel)
Mr. Piyush Mittal, Advocate, Mr. Vrishketu, Advocate,
Mr. Nitesh Gautam, Advocate and Mr. Kartik Kataria, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Gupta, Addl. A.G. Haryana.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (ORAL)

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner does not dispute that the municipal sanitation workers have returned on duty after ending their strike temporarily.
2. We hope and expect that no such strike takes place in future and if at all any eventuality arises as regards strike, the State of Haryana is always free to invoke its power under the Haryana Essential Services Maintenance Act, 1974 (for short 'Act 1974') by issuing an appropriate notification under Section 3(ii) read with Section 4A of the Act, 1974.
3. With these observation, the writ petition stands disposed of.

**(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE**

22.05.2026

Vishal Vardhan

(YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR)**JUDGE**

Whether Speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable.

: Yes/No
: Yes/No