

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

CWP-15490-2023 (O&M)

Date of decision : 20.03.2026

Ram Karan Singh and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN

Present : Mr. Vijay Kumar Jindal, Senior Advocate (arguing counsel), with
Mr. Abhishek Shukla, Advocate, and
Mr. Harsh Rana, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Naveen S. Bhardwaj, Addl. Advocate General, Haryana.

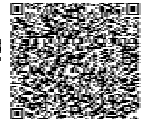
Mr. Arjun Singh, Advocate,
for respondent No.5.

Mr. Kunal Mulwani, Advocate (arguing counsel), and
Mr. Ritvik Garg, Advocate (through video conferencing),
for applicant in CM-19460-CWP-2023.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. This petition invoking the writ jurisdiction of this Court was filed
in the year 2023, seeking following reliefs :

*“I. allow the present petition and issue a Writ in the
nature of mandamus, directing the respondents :
To prevent the misuse of historical and national figures
like Late Samrat Mihir Bhoj by erecting the statute at
public places for the agenda of any specific
community/caste/religion.*

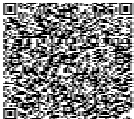


- i. To constitute a committee/panel of experts to ascertain the true historical facts related to the origins of Late Samrat Mihir Bhoj to prevent further spread of any disinformation and conflicts.*
- ii. To grant an interim stay on the politically motivated inauguration of the statue of Late Samrat Mihir Bhoj, till the pendency of the present writ petition.*
- iii. To direct the respondents to take immediate and appropriate steps for effectively maintaining the law and order situation in District Kaithal, Haryana till final decision of the present writ petition.*
- iv. Pass such other or further orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the present case.*

- v. xxx xxx xxx*
- vi. xxx xxx xxx*

2. It is alleged in the petition that law and order situation arose in the District of Kaithal, where statue of Late Samrat Mihir Bhoj was being installed at Dhand Chowk, Kaithal, Haryana, for the inauguration of which the advertisement made, read as 'Gujjar Samrat Mihir Bhoj', which is alleged to have created communal tension between two communities, i.e. Rajputs and Gujjars, both belonging to same *Varna* of 'Kshatriya'.

3. This Court took cognizance of this matter on 20.07.2023 and notice regarding stay was issued. Thereafter, this Court on 03.08.2023 was informed that the State Government would constitute a Committee, which would look into the issue and, therefore, this Court expected that the rival communities will not resort to any public meeting or social media till the decision is taken by the Committee.



4. Now, when the case is taken up today after nearly three years, the State has come out with a plea that term ‘Kshatriya & Gujjars’ mentioned in second paragraph of page 2 of order dated 03.08.2023, should be read as ‘Rajputs & Gujjars’.

4.1 We may clarify that on 03.08.2023, Mr. Aman Bahri, who was appearing as Additional Advocate General, Haryana, had made the aforesaid submissions, as such these were not the finding of this Court or any order passed by this Court and therefore, we say no more.

5. The issue which was raised about three years back must have lost its steam due to passage of time and, therefore, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of this petition with liberty to the Committee, stated to be constituted under the Chairmanship of the Divisional Commissioner, Karnal, to deal with the issue and submit its report as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of sixty days.

5.1 In case the report is not filed by the Committee, constituted by the State Government, Registry is directed to list this matter in IOIN category.

6. Accordingly, this petition stands disposed of.

7. All the pending applications also stand disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE

March 20, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No