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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Reserved on : 18.05.2026
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Whether only operative part of the judgment is pronounced or the full Judgment is pronounced: **Full Judgment**

1. CWP-PIL-21528-2017 (O&M)

HARI CHAND

... PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... RESPONDENTS

2. CWP-PIL-1143-2018 (O&M)

HARI CHAND

... PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

... RESPONDENTS

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

Present:- Mr. Hari Chand, petitioner-in-person.

Mr. Chanchal K. Singla, Senior Advocate/Addl. A.G., Punjab
(arguing counsel) with
Ms. Medha Dewan, Advocate,
for respondent-State of Punjab.

Mr. Deepak Balyan, Addl. A.G. Haryana.

Ms. Gargi Kumar, Advocate (arguing counsel)
Mr. Pritish Goel, Advocate for respondent No.3-PSERC
in CWP-21528-2017

SANJIV BERRY, J.

1. The instant writ petition filed as Public Interest Litigation

essentially seeking writ in the nature of mandamus directing official



respondents to work out parameters/criteria, for excluding all such rich farmers, who do not deserve to be granted subsidy for free power/electricity to their tube-wells, besides seeking alternate system/scheme for disbursement of such subsidy on the basis of average consumption of power for each tube well etc.

2. The issue of whether to provide a subsidy for free power/electricity to the tubewelllls of farmers or to exclude rich farmers from availing such subsidies etc. lies within the exclusive domain of policy decisions of the respective States.

3. This Court, thus refrains from entering into the field of policy making, which falls within exclusive domain of the Executive.

4. This Court, therefore, leaves it to the petitioner to make an appropriate representation to the State, which if done within a period of 30 days from today, along with copy of this order, the same shall be considered and decided in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible.

5. Accordingly, both the writ petitions stand disposed of.

6. Pending application(s) if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

Dated: 21.05.2026

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