



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

104+210

**CWP-PIL-83-2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 28.04.2026**

GURPREET SINGH

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

BHAKHRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD (BBMB) AND ORS.

...Respondent(s)

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

Present: Mr. Gurpreet Singh, petitioner-in-person.

Mr. Manjit Singh Uppal, Advocate for respondent No.1.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Addl. Solicitor General of India
(through V.C.)
with Mr. Gaurav Pathak, Sr. Panel counsel for UOI.

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SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. This petition has been filed in public interest, raising an alleged public cause seeking direction to respondent Nos.1 to 3 to fill up/allot all the vacant government houses at Talwara Township, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab, which are lying vacant for the past 17 years.

2. We have gone through the return filed by the BBMB and are satisfied with the reasons assigned by the BBMB for deciding not to allot certain houses on the ground that they are in a dilapidated condition, as well as for demolition of certain houses with approval of the competent authority.

3. The reply reveals that 678 houses have been abandoned due to structural deformities beyond repairs, which have been rendered unsafe for



human habitation and approval for dismantling 372 houses out of these has been conveyed by the Secretary, BBMB vide letter dated 07.03.2019.

4. The petitioner seems to be a busybody, since the issue as to whether to allot a particular house or keep it vacant is best left to be decided by the structural experts in the BBMB.

5. We do not see any element of public interest in the present petition, which stands dismissed.

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

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

28.04.2026
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i)	Whether speaking/reasoned?	Yes/No
ii)	Whether reportable?	Yes/No