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

CWP-PIL-256-2025

Date of decision: 21.01.2026

Kulwinder Singh**....Petitioner.**

Versus

State of Punjab and others**....Respondents.**

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

Present:- Mr. Arun K. Vasudeva, Advocate,
for Mr. Amrik Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.
Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Senior DAG, Punjab.

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SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. The present petition in the shape of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has been filed essentially raising the alleged public cause that trees are being cut in the judicial complex, Fatehgarh Sahib to make way for construction of Advocates' Chambers. Prayer made in this petition is to the following extent: -

- (i) Issue of an appropriate writ order or direction especially in the nature of Mandamus to the respondents to immediately stop any further cutting of trees within the Judicial Complex, Fatehgarh Sahib and to take steps to compensate for the trees already removed, in accordance with the applicable environmental and tree preservation policies issued by the State of Punjab.
- (ii) It is further prayed that appropriate action must be initiated against the persons who had removed the trees in violation of the Policy thus causing environmental degradation in complete disregard of public interest and ecological balance.
- (iii) It is further prayed that this Hon'ble Court may issue any other writ, order or direction which this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper according to the facts and circumstances of the case.

2. Report dated 16.01.2026 filed by the District and Sessions Judge, Fatehgarh Sahib, and report dated 24.10.2025 of the Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib, reveals that 14 trees were cut after seeking due permission from the concerned competent authorities and, as a compensatory measures, 200 saplings have been planted.

3. We accept the contention made in the reports submitted by the District and Sessions Judge, Fathgarh Sahib and the Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib, and dispose of this petition with a direction to the concerned authorities, who have made the compensatory plantation, to show the photographs and the arrangements made for maintaining the same by providing tree guards or watering the said compensatory plantation. Let the report be filed by the Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib, within a period of 60 days and if the report is not filed, the case be listed under IOIN category.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

21.01.2026

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