



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

(Sr. No. 120)

**CWP No. 39754 of 2025
Date of decision: 18.02.2026**

Raj Mohinder Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE LAPITA BANERJI**

Present : Mr. Munish Jolly, Advoate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kuljit Singh, Addl. A. G., Punjab.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Addl. Solicitor General of India with
Mr. Ashish Rawal, Advocate for respondent No.2-UOI.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

(1) Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that at this stage he would be satisfied if the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to a committee comprising of respondent No.2 – Secretary Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavran Bhawan, New Delhi, respondent No.3 – Principal Secretary, Department of Forests and Wildlife Preservation, Govt. of Punjab and respondent No.4 – Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab to take a decision on the legal notice dated 10.09.2024 (Annexure P-78) issued on behalf of the petitioner.

(2) Learned State counsel as also learned Additional Solicitor General of India appearing for respondent No.2-Union of India, who appear on advance notice, agree to the acceptance to the above alternate prayer made on behalf of the petitioner.



(3) Accordingly, at this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction that a committee, comprising of respondent No.2 – Secretary Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavran Bhawan, New Delhi, respondent No.3 – Principal Secretary, Department of Forests and Wildlife Preservation, Govt. of Punjab and respondent No.4 – Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab, chaired by respondent No.2 and to be convened as per the mutual convenience of all the said three officers, shall take a decision on the aforesaid legal notice issued on behalf of the petitioner, by passing a speaking order and after affording opportunity of hearing to all affected parties, preferably within two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, in accordance with law.

(4) Needless to add that the decision so taken be communicated to the petitioner and if the same is not to the satisfaction of the petitioner, he would be at liberty to challenge the same, in accordance with law.

(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE

18.02.2026

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(LAPITA BANERJI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No