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In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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Date of Decision: 19.02.2025

NATURE WAY DISTRIBUTERS  
WELFARE ASSOCIATION

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL

Present: Mr. Nitesh Jhaharia, Advocate for  
Mr. B. S. Makar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India with  
Mr. Lokesh Narang, Senior Panel Counsel for ED.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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**SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)**

1. The petitioner, which is a Welfare Association, prays for the following reliefs :-

*“1. IT IS, THEREFORE, RESPECTFULLY PRAYED THAT THE PRESENT PETITION BE ALLOWED AND APPROPRIATE WRIT, ORDER OR DIRECTION TO BE ISSUED TO CONSTITUTE A "MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE/JUDICIAL BOARD CONSISTING OF LEGAL LUMINARIES/SENIOR IAS OFFICERS, WHO SHALL PROCEED TO SETTLE/MANAGE THE LITIGATION PROCEEDINGS, PENDING BEFORE THE VARIOUS TRIBUNALS/AUTHORITIES VIS-A-*



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*VIS CLAIM OF THE INVESTORS/CUSTOMERS AGAINST THE RESPONDENT NO.5, THEREBY PROVIDING A RESOLUTION FRAMEWORK/PLAN WITH EFFECTIVE MACHANISUM, FOR RESOLVING THE DISPUTES OF THE INNOCENT BUYERS/INVESTORS WHO ARE RUNNING FROM POST TO PILLAR SINCE YEARS AND SUCH THEIR GRIEVANCES CAN BE REDRESSED AT A SINGLE PLATFORM, WHICH SHALL ALSO SAVE PRECIOUS TIME AND EFFORTS OF THE VARIOUS JUDICIAL COURTS, IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE.*

*2. IT IS FURTHER PRAYED THAT DIRECTION MAY KINDLY BE ISSUED TO DEFREEZE SOME ASSETS OF THE RESPONDENT NO.S OR OTHER PROPERTIES OF NATUREWAY GROUP ATTACHED BY THE RESPONDENT NO.3, TO THE EXTENT OF THE CLAIM OF THE PETITIONER ASSOCIATION, KEEPING IN VIEW OF THE AFFIDAVIT ANNEXED BY THE RESPONDENT NO.4 (ANNEXURE P-8), WHEREBY HE ASSURED THE ASSOCIATION TO DEVELOP THE PENDING PROJECTS AND SIMILARLY HAND IT OVER TO THE AGGRIEVED INVESTORS/HOMEBUYERS AS PER THEIR RESPECTIVE AGREEMENTS, SINCE THE*



*PROPERTIES ATTACHED BY RESPONDENT NO.3 ARE VALUED MULTIPLE TIMES THEN THE LIABILITY OF THE RESPONDENT NO.5 WHICH STANDS TO THE TUNE OF RS.51,11,00,000, AS PER THE ATTACHMENT ORDER DATED-16.06.2020, (ANNEXURE P7) AND SUCH THE INVESTORS/HOMEBUYERS ARE UNDER THE APPREHENSION THAT THE PROPERTIES OF THE RESPONDENT NO.5 CAN BE MISMANAGED BY RESPONDENT AUTHORITIES, WHICH WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE INTEREST OF THE ASSOCIATION AND WOULD BE A TRAVESTY OF JUSTICE”*

2. The petitioner Society is of prospective land/flat owners, who have invested money for obtaining flats/plots being constructed by respondent No.5.
3. Against respondent No.5, proceedings under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (in short, ‘the Act’) were initiated, which matured into filing of a complaint before the Special Judge, where adducing of evidence is going on.
4. Learned counsel for the Directorate of Enforcement, Mr. Jain, while referring to Section 8 (8) of the Act, submits that the relief being sought before this Court can very well be sought by filing an appropriate application before the learned Special Judge.



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5. In view of the fact that matter is pending adjudication before the learned Special Judge, this Court refrains from entering into merits of the case and relegates the petitioner Society to avail the aforesaid remedy before the learned Special Judge by filing an appropriate application.

6. With the aforesaid liberty, petition stands disposed of, without commenting upon merits of the matter.

**(SHEEL NAGU)  
CHIEF JUSTICE**

**(H.S.GREWAL)  
JUDGE**

**19.02.2025**

*A.Kaundal*

Whether speaking/ reasoned :

Yes/No

**Whether Reportable :**

**Yes/No**