



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

CWP-6497-2025

Date of Decision : 07.03.2025

**PRACHEEN SHRI SHYAM MANDIR PUJARI SEWA SAMITI
(REGD.) CHULKANA DHAM**

.....Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present : Dr. Anmol Rattan Sidhu, Advocate with
Mr. Chanderhas Yadav, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhupender Singh, DAG, Haryana.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J.(Oral)

1. Through the instant writ petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, a prayer is made for issuance of *mandamus* upon the competent authority amongst the respondents, for the enforcement of the provisions of Places of Worship Act, 1991 and the Ancient Monuments Etc. Remains Act, 1958. The petitioner further seeks a direction upon respondent no.8 not to demolish the illegal pious *samadhi* and *pitar murti*/idol of their ancestors.

2. The members of petitioner-Sewa Samiti claims themselves to be the legal representatives of *pujaris* and residents of village Chulkana, Tehsil Smalkha, District Panipat, where the temple "Thakur Shyam Baba

Mandir Chulkana (Chulkana Dham)”, is situated. It is claimed in the petition that they are serving in the said temple as hereditary *pujaris* towards the deity, and now the management of the temple is under the control of respondent no.8, which is undisputedly a private registered body under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

3. To establish its claim, the petitioner has raised numbers of disputed question of facts, and even a writ of *mandamus* is sought to be passed upon a private body, therefore, this Court finds the instant petition, as a misconceived motion, which is consequently, **dismissed**.

4. However, the petitioner-Sewa Samiti, is at liberty approach the apt civil court/authority etc. concerned, for redressal of its grievance, as raised through the instant petition.

March 07, 2025
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(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No