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

CWP-8794-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision:- 20.05.2025

Vishwas Bansal

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present:-

Mr. Kunal Gupta, Advocate,
Ms. Japanjot Kaur, Advocate,
Mr. Himmat S. Sidhu, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Rakesh Roy, Advocate (through video conferencing),
Mr. Abhilaksh Gaind, Advocate,
for respondent No. 2.

Mr. Sehej Sandhawalua, Advocate,
for respondent No. 3 – PSPCL.

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SHEEL NAGU, C.J. (ORAL)

1. This petition, essentially, assails the order dated 13.02.2025 (Annexure P-6), whereby the Punjab Pollution Control Board, while invoking its power under Section 33-A of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 (in short the Water Act), directed to restore the electric connection of the industry in question temporarily for six months upto 12.08.2025 with immediate effect.

2. The Water Act provides for statutory alternative remedy of approaching the National Green Tribunal (NGT) under Section 33-B which has not been availed by the petitioner.

3. Since there is a specialized Act providing for statutory alternative remedy before a Specialized Tribunal meant for the purpose to deal with environmental issues, this Court declines interference and disposes of this petition without commenting upon merits with the aforesaid liberty.

4. The petition, accordingly, stands disposed of with the aforesaid liberty.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

20.05.2025

Amodh Sharma

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No