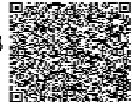


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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CWP-PIL-272-2025
Date of decision : 22.09.2025

Praveen Narayan

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Praveen Narayan, petitioner-in-person.

Mr. Deepak Balyan, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. This Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has been filed raising the alleged public cause that a writ of mandamus be issued directing the respondents to immediately remove, block and cease further publication and display of identity, photographs, videos and personal details of the deceased sexual offence victim from all social media platforms, online portals and websites.

2. It appears that the petitioner has alternative efficacious remedy under the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 (IT Rules 2021) in the shape of Grievance Redressal

Mechanism of intermediating and thereafter, an appeal before the Grievance Appellate Committee.

3. It is trite law that in cases where statute provides for remedy, the course of PIL ought not to be adopted (Please see **Jaipur Shahar Hindu Vikas Samiti vs. State of Rajasthan and others (2014) 5 SCC 530** and **Jafar Imam Naqvi vs. Election Commission of India (2014) 15 SCC 420**).

4. Accordingly, the petitioner is free to approach the said forum in accordance with law.

5. With the aforesaid liberty, the present petition stands disposed of.

**(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE**

**(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE**

September 22, 2025
Ajay Prasher

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