



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-PIL-57-2025 (O&M)  
DATE OF DECISION : 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2025

**Shashi Pal and another** ..... Petitioners

**Versus**

**State of Punjab and others** ..... Respondents

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

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Present : Mr.Rahul Kumar Adia, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr.Vipin Pal Yadav, Addl. AG, Punjab.

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**SHEEL NAGU, CJ. (Oral)**

1. Reply on behalf of respondent – State of Punjab is being filed today when the case is listed. Said reply is taken on record, subject to payment of costs of Rs.10,000/- to be deposited in the Poor Patients Welfare Fund, PGIMER, Chandigarh.

2. Present Public Interest Litigation has been filed challenging the composition of 'The Bhagwan Valmiki Tirath Sthal (Ram Tirath) Shrine Board' by contending that the seven non-official Members of the Board do not belong to Valmiki/Majhabi Sikh communities as per mandate of Section 4(2) of the Punjab Bhagwan Valmiki Ji Tirath Sthal (Ram Tirath) Shrine Board Act, 2016.

3. This Court had issued notice in this case on 19.03.2025. The State has filed its response today, which is accompanied by Annexure R-1, a notification dated 07.07.2025 issued by the Governor of Punjab nominating the following persons as non-official Members of the Board:-



“*Sr.No. Name*

1. *Sh.Harbhajan Singh ETO, MLA, Jandiala*
2. *Sh. Jasbir Singh, MLA, Amritsar West*
3. *Sh.Balkar Singh, MLA, Kartarpur*
4. *Sh.Dalbir Singh, MLA, Baba Bakala*
5. *Sh.Labh Singh Ugoke, MLA, Bhadaur, Distt. Barnala*
6. *Sh.Manjit Singh, MLA, Nihal Singh Wala, Distt. Moga*
7. *Sh.Jaswinder Singh Ramdas, MLA, Attari.”*

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners does not dispute that the notification dated 07.07.2025, contains the names of non-official Members, who all belong to Valmiki/Majhabi Sikh communities, but objects to the fact that when this petition was filed, the Board had a few Members, who did not belong to the said communities.

5. Since the nominated non-official Members of the Board have now been appointed, all of whom belong to Valmiki/Majhabi Sikh communities, this Court does not wish to proceed with the matter.

6. The petitioners should be happy that they were the cause for the State to become wiser.

7. Accordingly, this petition stands disposed of.

**( SHEEL NAGU )  
CHIEF JUSTICE**

**9<sup>th</sup> July, 2025**  
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**( SANJIV BERRY )  
JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned:*                      *Yes*                      *No*

*Whether Reportable:*                              *Yes*                      *No*