



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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**CWP-PIL-258-2024 (O&M)**  
**DATE OF DECISION : 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2025**

**Rahul Sandhu**

**.... Petitioner**

**Versus**

**Union of India and others**

**.... Respondents**

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

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Present : Mr.Pawan Kumar Mutneja, Senior Advocate with  
Mr.Akshay Goel, Advocate, Mr.Parminder S.Kaul and  
Ms.Sukerna Mutneja, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr.Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India with  
Mr.Rohit Verma, , Senior Panel Counsel for UOI.

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

1. The present Public Interest Litigation has been filed by a public-spirited person raising the grievance of shortage of Members in the Armed Forces Tribunal, Chandigarh.

2. During the pendency of this petition, certain appointments have been made and present situation reveals that the Armed Forces Tribunal, Chandigarh is short of only one Judicial Member.

3. Mr.Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India informs that on 03.06.2025, an advertisement has been issued for inviting applications from suitable persons for filling up various vacancies of Armed Forces Tribunals at different locations, including Chandigarh.

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The copy of said advertisement dated 03.06.2025 is taken on record as Annexure 'H'.

4. In view of the aforesaid, this Court has no manner of doubt that remaining steps shall be taken expeditiously for filling up the vacant office of Judicial Member, Armed Forces Tribunal, Chandigarh.

5. With the hope and expectation that the selection process will be brought to a logical end at the earliest, this Court disposes of this petition with liberty to the petitioner to re-visit the Court, if the grievance remains unredressed.

**( SHEEL NAGU )  
CHIEF JUSTICE**

**23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2025**  
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**( SANJIV BERRY )  
JUDGE**

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>