



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

CWP-PIL-13-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision : 22.04.2025

Vishal KaulPetitioner
Versus
National Highway Authority of India and othersRespondents

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

Present: Mr. Nitin Mittoo, Advocate, and
Mr. Anshul Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Dr. Puneet Kaur Sekhon, Advocate, for respondent No.1.

Mr. Anurag Chopra, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab, and
Mr. Saurav Khurana, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed as PIL raising the alleged public cause that due to the blockage created by the authorities at the junction point of the State Highway and the National Highway – 44, members of the general public are being put to great inconvenience and rendering the spot accident prone.

2. On 19.02.2025, the Deputy Commissioner, Kapurthala, was directed to file an affidavit, which has been done. The affidavit, especially paragraph 7 onwards, reveals that the safety concerns, as expressed by the petitioner, have been taken care of by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and the police authorities in their joint meeting. The report given by the Committee was endorsed by the District Road Safety Committee and only thereafter, it was decided to block the junction point of State Highway and the National Highway – 44 to lessen the number of accidents at the site.



The affidavit further reveals that the NHAI has been asked to examine the Design and Structure of the junction point as per laid down guidelines and to explore the possibility of opening the closure at National Highway – 44, if it is in the interest and safety of public.

3. After hearing learned counsel for the rival parties, this Court is of the considered view that since experts have applied their minds to the intricacies involved in traffic regulation, this Court, in the absence of expertise in the field, cannot go into the same and leaves it to the authorities to do their best in the interest of public safety and traffic regulation.

4. However, it is made clear that the possibility of opening the closure at the junction point of State Highway and the National Highway – 44 be explored by the NHAI and report of the NHAI in this regard be filed in this Court within a period of 60 days.

5. Registry is directed that in case anything is amiss in the report of NHAI, this matter be placed before the Court.

6. Accordingly, the petition stands disposed of.

7. All the pending applications also stand disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

April 22, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No