



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

CWP-PIL-122-2022 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION : 15th July, 2025

Pankaj Sharma

.... 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.Rajesh Bansal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr.Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India with
Mr.Sunil Kumar Sharma, Senior Panel Counsel for UOI.

Mr.Deepak Balyan, Additional Advocate General, Haryana.

Mr.Ved Parkash, Advocate for respondent No.10.

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SHEEL NAGU, CJ. (Oral)

1. This petition has been filed for a direction to respondents to restrain respondent No.10 from raising illegal construction on the land falling under 100 meters of prohibited area as per the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 (in short 'the Act').

2. It is not disputed by learned counsel for rival parties that the respondent - Archaeological Survey of India, vide order dated



12.08.2024, by using the powers under Section 29 and 38 (1) of the Act, has ordered for demolition of encroachments which sprouted in and around ancient site Raja Harsh Ka Tila and Sheikh Chilli's Tomb.

Despite elapse of 10-11 months, respondent No.6 has not taken any action.

3. This Court, therefore, directs respondent No.6 to carry out the aforesaid directions on the encroachments by using legitimate coercive means, after verifying the veracity and genuineness of the encroachments, within a period of one month, provided there is no restraint order of any judicial authority.

4. The matter stands disposed of with the direction to the Registry that in case compliance report is not filed within 30 days from today, the matter will be put up as PUD.

**(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE**

15th 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>