



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

CWP-PIL-99-2025

Reserved on : 06.05.2025

Date of Pronouncement : 20.05.2025

Ayush Ahuja

.....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and another

.....Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Ayush Ahuja – Petitioner in person.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Addl. Solicitor General of India, with
Mr. Dheeraj Jain, Senior Panel Counsel,
for respondent – UOI.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. The petitioner, who claims himself to be a public spirited person, prays for issuance of a writ of mandamus that the persons, who died in terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir, on 22.04.2025, be categorized as “Martyrs/Shahed”; a Memorial be established; and the said place, where the incident of firing took place, be declared as “Shahed Hindu Valley Tourist Place”.

2. The issue as to whether a particular place is to be declared as a Memorial or be named differently or to declare deceased person(s) as Martyr/Shahed, lies within the exclusive domain of policy decision of the State.



3. This Court, thus, refrains from entering into the field of policy making, which is exclusively reserved for the Executive.

3.1 This Court, therefore, leaves it to the petitioner to make an appropriate representation to the State, which if done within a period of 30 days from today, along with copy of this order, the same shall be considered and decided in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible.

4. Accordingly, this petition stands disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

May 20, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No