



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

CWP-PIL-53-2025

Date of decision : 10.03.2025

Ashu Malik

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Gaurav Vir Singh Behl, Advocate, and
Ms. Raagheshwari Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Anurag Chopra, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Naveen S. Bhardwaj, Addl. Advocate General, Haryana.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Addl. Solicitor General of India, with
Mr. Shubham Thakur, Panel Counsel, UOI.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. This Public Interest Litigation raises the alleged public cause that dead bodies of human beings found in rivers/canals across the States of Punjab and Haryana are not being disposed off in accordance with the provisions of the Punjab Anatomy Act, 1963 and the Haryana Anatomy Act, 1974.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, by drawing attention of this Court to an order dated 02.11.2023 (Annexure P-6) passed by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in *RA-CW-30-2018*, titled *Lawyers for Human Rights International Vs. State of Punjab and others*, has apprised this Court that



certain directions were issued for installation of CCTV Cameras at Khanauri Head of Bhakhra Main Line and for deputing certain police personnel at the places where instances of dead bodies of human beings found in the rivers and canals is rampant.

2.1. However, it is submitted that no effective steps have been taken by the State and its functionaries in deference of above said order.

3. The petitioner has made representation dated 30.07.2024 to the States of Punjab and Haryana, vide Annexures P-3 and P-4, which have not been decided till date.

4. Accordingly, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the States of Punjab and Haryana to decide the representations Annexures P-3 and P-4, respectively, by passing a speaking order within a period of 60 days from the receipt of certified copy of this order. The order so passed shall be communicated to the petitioner.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

March 10, 2025
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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable | Yes/No |