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CWP-PIL-392-2025

Praneet Kaur

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

CWP-PIL-395-2025

Shubham Singh @ Shubh Sekhon

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

Present : Mr. Jatin Bansal, Advocate,
Ms. Keerti Sandhu, Advocate, and
Ms. Amritpal Sandhu, Advocate,
for the petitioner in CWP-PIL-392-2025.

Mr. Harlove Singh Rajput, Advocate,
Mr. Gursher Singh Dhillon, Advocate,
Mr. Harman Bir Singh Juneja, Advocate,
Mr. Jashandeep Singh Bains, Advocate,
Ms. Sakshi Goel, Advocate, and
Mr. Satinder Pal Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner in CWP-PIL-395-2025.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Senior DAG, Punjab.

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Notice of motion returnable on 19.01.2026.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, learned Senior Deputy Advocate General, on
advance notice, accepts notice on behalf of the State of Punjab.

These PILs have been filed primarily assailing action of the
respondent authorities in cutting 251 trees in SAS Nagar Mohali.

The averments made in these petitions, *inter alia*, show that the
tenders were issued for auction of right to cut 251 trees to make way for
construction of Roundabout/Rotaries on various existing cross junctions at
Sector 68/69/78/79, Sector 67/68/79/80 and Sohana Junction on PR-7 Road,
SAS Nagar, Mohali.

It is further contended that as per information provided by Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, forest cover in the State of Punjab is only 3.67 % of geographical area. Pertinently, the forest cover in the State of Punjab is even less than forest cover existing in the State of Rajasthan (4.87 % of geographical area).

In view of above, it appears that the functionaries of the State of Punjab are neither serious nor they seem conscious of the impending ecological catastrophe.

In view of above, inactivity of the respondents require drastic remedial measures by this Court.

Accordingly, this Court prohibits the cutting of any tree of any age/specie in the State of Punjab, without permission of this Court, till the next date of hearing.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, learned Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, is directed to inform the concerned authorities to immediately stop cutting of trees in SAS Nagar Mohali or anywhere else in the State of Punjab.

Photocopy of this order be placed on file of connected case.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

December 24, 2025
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