

ITEM NO.801

COURT NO.1

SECTION IV-B

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL)Diary No(s). 3871/2026

JAGAT VIJAY PRINTERS LLP & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB & ORS.

Respondent(s)

Date : 20-01-2026 This petition was MENTIONED today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLI

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Mukul Rohatgi, Sr.Adv.(Mentioned by)
Mr. Mahesh Agarwal, Adv.

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Maninderjit Singh Bedi, Advocate General
Mr. Shadan Farasat, Sr.Adv./AAG
Mr. Karan Sharma, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. This matter has been orally mentioned by Mr. Mukul Rohatgi, learned Senior Counsel for the petitioners, stating that his instructing counsel has filed SLP (C)...D.No.3871/2026 this morning, and the matter being of extraordinary urgent in nature, may be listed during the course of the day. It is pointed out that, consequent upon the coercive action taken by the Punjab State Pollution Control Board, the hotel being run by the petitioner-Management, along with its daily newspaper (Punjab Kesari), which is continuously published for decades, has also been partially closed down.

2. Learned Advocate General for the respondent - State of Punjab is present online. Mr. Sadan Farasat, learned Senior Counsel and the Additional Advocate General for the respondent - State of

Punjab, is also present in the Court.

3. Both sides have fairly pointed out that a Writ Petition was filed before the Punjab and Haryana High Court, where the judgment was reserved yesterday after hearing extensive arguments advanced by the parties. The only limited prayer made before this Court is that till the pronouncement of the judgment by the High Court, some interim protection may be granted to the petitioners.

4. Owing to the nature of the relief prayed for, the Special Leave Petition is taken on Board, subject to curing of defects, if any.

5. Heard learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner as well as learned Advocate General and the Additional Advocate General for the respondent-State.

6. Without prejudice to the rights of both sides, and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, it is directed that the printing press re: publication of newspaper (Punjab Kesari) shall continue to function uninterruptedly. However, *qua* the other commercial establishments, including the hotel, the *status quo*, as it exists today, shall be maintained by the parties.

7. This interim arrangement is made till the pronouncement of the judgment by the High Court, and shall remain effective for one week thereafter, in order to enable the aggrieved party to approach the appropriate forum.

8. The Special Leave Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

9. As a result, the pending interlocutory application, if any, also stands disposed of.

(SATISH KUMAR YADAV)
ADDITIONAL REGISTRAR

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR