

CM-CWPIL-257-2025 in/and
CWP-PIL-9-2023(O&M), CWP-27621-2013 (O&M)
RA-CWs-259-2020 (O &M), 252-2020, 261-2020,
268-2020 and 69-2021 in CWP-18253-2009,
IOIN-FAO-3313-2022 in FAO-3313-2022 &
COCp-3724-2025

Vinod Dhatteerwal and others

Vs.

Union of India and others

Present : Mr. Aashish Chopra, Senior Advocate, (Arguing Counsel)
Mr. Varun Aryan Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioners in CWP-PIL-9-2023.

Mr. Aashish Chopra, Senior Advocate, (Arguing Counsel)
Ms. Nitika Sharma, Advocate, and
Mr. Varun Aryan Sharma, Advocate,
for review applicant in RA-CW-259-2020 in
CWP-18253-2009.

Mr. Rupinder Singh Khosla, Senior Advocate,
(Arguing Counsel)
Mr. Sartaj Singh Narula, Advocate, and
Mr. Yogender Verma, Advocate,
for the petitioner in CWP-23762-2013, and
for the respondent in CWP-PIL-9-2023.

Mr. Brijeshwar Singh Kanwar, Senior Panel Counsel,
for respondent No.4 – UOI in CWP-27621-2023.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Addl. Solicitor General of India, with
Mr. Dheeraj Jain, Senior Panel Counsel, UOI
(Arguing Counsel)
Mr. Arun Gosain, Senior Govt. Counsel.

Ms. Harmanjot, Advocate, for
Ms. Tanu Bedi, Advocate (amicus curiae),
in RA-CW-252-2020 in CWP-18253-2019.

Mr. Gaurav Chopra, Senior Advocate, (Arguing Counsel)
Mr. Rajeev Anand, Advocate,
for respondent No.9 in CWP-PIL-9-2023.

Mr. Amit Jhanji, Sr. Standing Counsel, UT Chandigarh
(Arguing Counsel)
Mr. Jaivir S. Chandail, Addl. Standing Counsel, UT
Chandigarh.

Mr. Parminder Singh Sekhon, Advocate,
Mr. R.S. Randhawa, Advocate.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Deepak Balyan, Addl. Advocate General, Haryana.

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Additional affidavit of Superintending Engineer, U.T., Chandigarh, along with Annexures R-1 to R-3, is taken on record.

Misc. application stands allowed accordingly.

CWP-PIL-9-2023(O&M) & connected matters

1. The President of the Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association has produced the resolution passed by General Body of the Bar Association in its meeting held on 22.09.2025, which is taken on record as Annexure 'Z'. The resolution passed is to the following extent:-

“1. That the Punjab & Haryana High Court shall not be shifted to Sarangpur (U.T. Chandigarh) or any other alternative site under any circumstances.

2. That the Bar Association shall make every possible endeavour to secure implementation of the holistic plan and de-reservation of the adjoining forest land for extension of the High Court at its present location.”

2. Mr. Amit Jhanji, learned Senior Standing Counsel for U.T. Chandigarh, informs that the work as regards laying of green pavers in the *kutch*a parking area will be concluded in about two months.

3. In view of the resolution having been passed by the Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association, as aforesaid, it

would be appropriate to execute the holistic plan, with appropriate modifications.

3.1 To discuss, as to what would be the appropriate modifications in the attending facts and circumstances this Court deems it appropriate to constitute an Administrative Committee comprising of representatives of all stake-holders involved.

3.2 The Administrative Committee shall comprise of two sitting Judges of this High Court (Senior of whom would preside over the Administrative Committee), with two representatives (nominated or elected) of the Bar Association. The U.T. Administration would be represented through its Chief Architect and the Chief Engineer. The Union of India shall be represented by Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India or his nominee. The High Court be represented by the Registrar of the Building Committee and two Members (nominated or elected) of the High Court Employees Association be also included as a Member of the Committee.

3.3. The names of the nominated/elected members of Bar Association and that of the High Court Employees Association be supplied to the Registrar General of this Court latest by 01.10.2025.

3.4. For nomination of the sitting Judges, the Registry is directed to place the matter before the Chief Justice on the Administrative side.

3.5. The aforesaid Administrative Committee should convene its meeting once every week, so that after deliberations on all aspects by taking into account inputs, furnished by all the stake-holders, a holistic view can be taken and the ultimate goal of executing the modified holistic plan can be achieved at the earliest.

4. The parties present today in the Court have agreed that the first meeting of the said Administrative Committee shall be held on 09.10.2025.

List on 17.10.2025.

Photocopy of this order be placed on the file of connected case(s).

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

26.09.2025

Ajay Prasher