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V/S
STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS**

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of petitioner Trust-in-person.

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Mr. Deepak Balyan, Addl. A.G. Haryana.

Mr. Dheeraj Jain, Sr. Advocate
with Ms. Shreyansi Verma, Central Government Counsel
(through Video Conferencing) for respondent-UOI.

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It is expected from State of Punjab to expedite and assist the Central Government in the process of approval of the Rules.

Let a copy of the petition be served to Mr. Amit Jhanji, Senior Standing Counsel for U.T. Administration, who ordinarily appears for PGI, to ensure early filing of response by PGI-Chandigarh.

Learned counsel for State of Haryana is also directed to seek instructions on behalf of respondent No.9.

Let the same be done before the next date of hearing i.e. 24.03.2026.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

04.02.2026
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