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

CWP-PIL-178-2025

Date of decision : 24.03.2026

Geetika Sharma

.....Petitioner

Versus

U.T. Chandigarh and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present: Ms. Geetika Sharma – Petitioner in person.

Mr. Abhinav Sood, Addl. Standing Counsel, UT Chandigarh
(arguing counsel),
Mr. Sabir Singh, Junior Panel Counsel, UT Chandigarh, and
Mr. Nitesh Jhahjria, Advocate,
for the respondents.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. After perusing the additional affidavit of the petitioner, dated 13.03.2026, this Court on 19.03.2026, had directed the respondents to file photographs of the area in question in Sector 13, Mani Majra, where the petitioner alleges that garbage is being littered.

2. Today, when the case is taken up, Mr. Abhinav Sood, learned Additional Standing Counsel, UT Chandigarh, has filed photographs of the area concerned, wherein it appears that garbage has been buried under rubble and mud with the help of bulldozer. Though the area has been flattened and cleaned but keeping in view the fact that this Court was compelled to discharge municipal functions which were statutorily required to be performed



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by the Chandigarh Administration as well as Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, this Court before disposing of this petition deems it appropriate to impose cost, since precious time of this Court was consumed in deciding this avoidable piece of litigation.

2.1 Accordingly, cost of Rs. 40,000/- is imposed on Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, which is free to recover the same from erring officers/employees, after following due process of law.

2.2 Let the aforesaid cost of Rs. 40,000/- be deposited by Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, with Poor Patients Welfare Fund, PGIMER, Chandigarh, within a period of fifteen days, failing which this matter be listed in IOIN category.

2.3 Petitioner is free to re-visit the Court, in case garbage re-appears in the concerned area.

3. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

March 24, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No