

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G SPetition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 3983/2026

[Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 23-01-2026 in CWP No. 1289/2026 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

JAGAT VIJAY PRINTERS LLP &amp; ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF PUNJAB &amp; ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 28246/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No. 28245/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

WITH

ITEM NO. 38

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 4053/2026

(IA No. 29208/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No. 29207/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

Date : 29-01-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. These two Special Leave Petitions are directed against a judgment dated 23.01.2026 passed by the Division Bench of the Punjab and Haryana High Court whereby the petitioners have been relegated to avail the alternative remedies either under the statute itself or to approach the National Green Tribunal ("NGT") under Section 33B(c) of the Water Act.

2. We have heard the learned senior counsel on behalf of the petitioners as well as learned senior counsel along with AG/AAG on behalf of the State of Punjab and its authorities and the learned counsel on behalf of State Pollution Control Board.

3. In our considered opinion, there is no need to interfere with the impugned order of the High Court to the extent of relegating the petitioners to avail the alternative remedy. However, the following clarificatory directions, in the peculiar facts and circumstances of this case, are necessitated:

(i) The petitioners may approach the NGT, if so advised, at the earliest along with an application for interim directions.

(ii) In view of the categorical stand taken on behalf of the petitioners that the hotel has already complied with all the norms

including the requisite ETP etc., the petitioners may request the NGT to constitute an expert team to visit the site where officers of the State Pollution Control Board may also accompany. The joint inspection report and/or the separate reports, may be submitted by the State Pollution Control Board and the expert committee constituted by NGT. The NGT may consider the prayer for interim directions. It is, however, clarified that we have not expressed any opinion on merits of such prayer.

4. Till further orders are passed by the NGT, the hotel shall remain non-functional. However, the directions issued by us vide order dated 20.01.2026 with respect to allowing the printing press for the publication of newspaper "Punjab Kesari" to function uninterruptedly, shall continue in force and, thus, the newspaper shall be allowed to publish uninterruptedly without causing any impediment subject to the final order that may be passed by the NGT. The NGT may further also consider the prayer for restoration of electricity power supply for the limited purposes and subject to such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate to be imposed. We request the NGT to decide the matter expeditiously.

5. The Special Leave Petitions stand disposed of, along with pending application(s), if any.

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ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR