

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

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL)..... Diary No(s).53590/2025

RAJNISH SIDHU

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 53253/2026 - APPLICATION FOR TAGGING/DETAGGING, IA No.4368/2026 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 4366/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILEING/CURING THE DEFECTS, IA No.4365/2026 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON

Date : 19-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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

For Petitioner(s) : Petitioner-in-person

For Respondent(s) :

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

1. Permission to appear and argue in-person is granted.
2. Delay condoned.
3. The petitioner claims himself to be a social worker and a trader of hosiery goods in the State of Punjab. He had approached this Court earlier through a W.P.(Crl.) No.46/2026 seeking the following reliefs:

"A) Issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction directing the Respondent-Union of India and its competent authorities to register an FIR forthwith, or in the alternative conduct a court-monitored preliminary inquiry leading to registration of FIR, in respect of cognizable offences disclosed on record, including but not limited to:

(i) Criminal Breach of Trust by Public Servant under Section 409 IPC,

(ii) Cheating and Dishonest Inducement under Section 420 IPC,

(iii) Criminal Conspiracy and Common Intention under Sections 120B and 34 IPC, arising from misrepresentation of the PM CARES Fund as a "private trust" while exercising public authority, public financing, and sovereign control, thereby inducing donations, CSR funds, and compulsory salary deductions.

B) Issue a writ of mandamus directing investigation into prima facie violations of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 2010, including Section 3 (prohibition on acceptance of foreign contribution by public servants). Sections 18 & 19 (maintenance of accounts and audit requirements), Section 35 (penalty for contravention), in light of blanket FCRA exemption granted to PM CARES Fund without statutory parliamentary sanction, resulting in hostile discrimination against NGOs and violation of Article 14 of the Constitution.

C) Issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the investigation into coercive salary deductions pursuant to AIIMS Circular dated 01.04.2020 (Annexure P-4), particularly affecting Scheduled Caste contractual and vulnerable employees, amounting to economic coercion, exploitation, and abuse of official position, warranting examination under: SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, Constitutional safeguards under Articles 14, 21, and 46.

D) Issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the trial to be conducted by a Special Court as mandated under Section 14 of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, with a further direction for day-to-day hearings to ensure completion of the trial within the statutory period of 3 months from the date of filing of the charge sheet.

E) Issue a Writ of Mandamus directing Respondent No. 2 to produce the Original Trust Deed of pm cares fund trust'

F) Issue a Writ of Mandamus directing Directing the Respondent No. 1 (Union of India) and all State Governments/UTs to produce on record all internal circulars, office memorandums, and notifications issued since March 2020 relating to the mandatory or 'voluntary' salary deductions of all Central and State Government employees. Including contractual, outsourced, and PSU staff, for the PM CARES Fund; to facilitate the investigation into the illegal diversion of public funds into a purportedly 'Private Trust' and to assess the

scale of economic coercion and misappropriation of wages in violation of the IPC and the SC/ST(Prevention of Atrocities) Act."

G) Issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the Union of India And State of Punjab to provide the Petitioner with Z/Z+ Category Security forthwith, to be exclusively deployed by a Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) such as the National Security Guard (NSG) or the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), and not only the State Police. Further, mandating the Union of India and State of Punjab to provide secure residential accommodation in the Punjab Bhawan, New Delhi and the State Guest House in Punjab.

H) Pass any other just and proper relief as the nature and circumstances of the case may require."

4. Another writ petition was dismissed by a three-Judge Bench of this Court on 10.03.2026. The instant writ petition, seeking virtually identical reliefs, appears to have been filed even prior to the institution of W.P.(Crl.) No.46/2026.

5. Ordinarily, the instant writ petition would also meet the same fate as the previous one. Regardless thereto, we permit the petitioner to submit a comprehensive representation for the consideration of the respondent-Authorities.

6. With regard to the alleged threat to the petitioner and consequential requirement of 'Z+' security, besides accommodation in a State Guest House, we do not find any substance in such claim. The petitioner may approach the appropriate local authorities with specific instances of the alleged threat to his life and liberty. We have no reason to doubt that the law enforcing agencies or the local authorities will examine the alleged threat perception, if any, and take steps, as necessary.

7. The Writ Petition is, accordingly, disposed of.
8. All pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI DILEEP KUMAR)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR