



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-PIL-132-2025

Date of Decision:- 19.09.2025

SHER SINGH

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB THROUGH ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

...Respondent(s)

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

Present:- Mr. Sunil Kumar, Advocate,
Mr. Anshuman Sethi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vipin Pal Yadav, Additional A.G. Punjab.

Mr. Saksham Khunger, Advocate
for respondent No.3-MC Naya Gaon with
Mr. Ravneet Singh, Executive Officer Municipal Council,
Naya Gaon (through VC).

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SHEEL NAGU, C.J. (Oral)

1. This Court had taken serious view of the matter after noticing that despite three rounds of litigation, the municipal functions of maintaining, repairing, and replacing the manhole covers is not being done by the Municipal Council, Nayagaon, District SAS Nagar.

2. On the last occasion i.e. 10.09.2025, a show cause notice was issued to Mr. Ravneet Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council Nayagaon, asking as to why contempt action be not initiated against him.

3. A reply to the said show cause notice has been filed by the said officer in the form of his affidavit, which shows that the manholes of the said street have been repaired or replaced.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner does not dispute the aforesaid



stand in reply. The affidavit of the Executive Officer also reveals that tender has been issued for construction of street with tiles from Shaheed Bhagat Singh Chowk towards Forest Hill, M.C. Naya Gaon.

5. It appears that the concerned officer has after all woken up from his stupor, but only after judicial nudge and cajoling.

6. In view of above, this Court is of the considered view that though there is no occasion to continue with the contempt proceedings, which are accordingly dropped, but the fact that the High Court has been compelled to perform municipal functions, which ought to have been performed by the said officer concerned of the Municipal Council, it would be appropriate to impose costs.

7. Accordingly, cost of ₹25,000/- is imposed upon the said officer, to be paid out of his personal pocket and not to be debited from public exchequer or the account of Municipal Council.

8. Let the said amount be deposited in the Poor Patients Welfare Fund, PGIMER, Chandigarh within 30 days from today.

9. This order shall be made part of personal record of the said officer.

10. Disposed of.

**(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE**

**(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE**

19.09.2025

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<i>i)</i>	<i>Whether speaking/reasoned?</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>ii)</i>	<i>Whether reportable?</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>