
IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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Civil Writ Petition No.12026 of 2015
Date of Decision: October 24, 2017

Court on its own motion

...Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY KUMAR MITTAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT RAWAL

Present: By order.

Mr. Sandeep Moudgil, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

AJAY KUMAR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

On a reference note dated 23.03.2015 addressed by the then Administrative Judge, Sessions Division, Rohtak, the same was treated to be Public Interest Litigation and was numbered as CWP No.12026 of 2015. The said note for ready reference is re-produced as under:-

'Lot of representations have been received from the women convicts/under trials that they belong to Sonapat and adjoining areas but have been detained in Rohtak Jail and therefore, on account of the distance, they cannot interact with their family as they do not receive any visitors. Let status be found out regarding the availability of the facilities for the women convicts/under trials, in Sonapat Jail, through the Superintendent, District Jail, Sonapat.'

2. Notice having been issued to State of Haryana and in context thereto, status report by way of short reply of Sh. Jagjit Singh,

Inspector General of Prisons, O/o the Director General of Prisons, Panchkula (Haryana) dated 15.05.2017 has been filed wherein in Para No.3, it has been stated thus:-

'That in compliance of the order dated 22.03.2017 and 03.05.2016, for redressal of the grievances of the female inmates of District Sonapat confined in District Jail, Rohtak, following steps have been taken by the Jail Authorities:-

- (i) A Female Barrack at District Jail, Sonapat has been constructed at a cost of Rs.350.15 lacs with capacity of 100 inmates. The newly built-up female barrack was inaugurated by the then Director General of Prisons, Haryana on 26.12.2016. Copies of the photographs annexed as Annexure R-1, R-2 & R-3.
- (ii) On completion of construction work of Female Barrack, 06 female convict and 29 female undertrials were transferred to District Jail, Sonapat from District Jail, Rohtak on 22.01.2017 to enable them to meet their family members and relatives confined in District Jail, Sonapat. Copy of report received from the Superintendent, District Jail, Sonapat is annexed as Annexure R-4.
- (iii) For the convenience of the female inmates and their family members and relatives confined in District Jail, Sonapat, the meeting/interview is scheduled for every Sunday and are taking place on regular basis.
- (iv) Arrangements have been made for interview through video conferencing of the female prisoners with their

family members and relative prisoners confined in other jails once a week.

(v) "Prison Inmate Calling System" (PICS) has been installed in District Jail, Sonapat for all prisoners to talk with their family members and relatives outside the jail. Talk-time has been specifically increased from 35 minutes to 60 minutes per week for female prisoners in all Jails of Haryana State.

(vi) On 01.05.2017, total 60 female prisoners (10 convicts & 50 undertrials) were confined in District Jail, Sonapat.'

3. We have perused the contents of the status report as noted above and are of the opinion that the arrangements have been made for female inmates of District Jail, Sonapat but who were confined in District Jail, Rohtak. Accordingly, no further orders are called for and the writ petition stands disposed of.

(AJAY KUMAR MITTAL)
JUDGE

(AMIT RAWAL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned?

Yes/No

Whether reportable?

Yes/No