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PUSHPINDER SINGH VS STATE OF PUNJAB

Present: Mr. C.S. Bakshi, Advocate, Amicus-curiae.

Mr. Daldeep Singh Sukarchakia, D.A.G. Punjab.

Status report filed by the State, which is taken on record.

Learned State counsel submits that video conferencing system is available in almost all the jails in the State of Punjab which is being updated and additional video conferencing infrastructure is being provided. A Monitoring Committee appointed by the State is looking into this aspect. Purchasing of the infrastructure for providing one more video conferencing facility in 19 jails of the State is under process.

Amicus-curiae while drawing my attention to the Division Bench judgment of this Court dated 21.08.2013, submits that directions were issued to the State to set up video conferencing systems in Civil Hospitals, Medical Colleges, Jails etc. but even after the expiry of period of more than four years, not much has been done in this regard.

So far as the implementation of judgment of Division Bench of this Court in CRM No.18934 of 2013 is concerned, it is a separate matter to be looked into. Suo moto notice in this case was taken to look into the aspect that the accused, who were undertrials, were not being produced in the Courts for years together resulting in delay in the conclusion of the trial.

As a monitoring committee has been appointed by the State to look into the matter, I find no reason to proceed further with the matter.

Disposed of accordingly.

(SURINDER GUPTA)
JUDGE

February 09, 2018.

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