

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARAYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-12537-2019

Date of decision: 13.05.2019

PANKAJ GARG

...PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. J.S.Sidhu, Advocate,
for Mr. Shadab Ahmad, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

It is contended by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner had moved an application to the Public Information Officer-cum-SHO, Police Station City-I, Mansa, seeking information of the camera footage installed at Police Station City-I, Mansa dated 05.04.2019 from 9.40 PM to 10.30 PM, dated 11.04.2019 (Annexure P-3), which has been duly received. He contends that because of the automatic erasing mode of the CCTV footage, after a particular period of time, there is every likelihood of the said information to be destroyed causing irreparable loss to the petitioner as he would not be receiving the information. He contends that no decision on the said application has been taken till date and, therefore, he has no option but to approach the Court by way of filing the present writ petition so that the CCTV footage for the said date and period can be kept

intact and be not destroyed. This preservation of the information would facilitate the respondents to supply the information to the petitioner.

Let two copies of the writ petition be handed over to Mr. Charanpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab, during the course of the day.

The present petition is disposed of with directions to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Mansa, to ensure preservation of the CCTV footage dated 05.04.2019 between 9.40 PM to 10.30 PM from the camera footage installed at Police Station City-I, Mansa till the decision on the application of the petitioner and till the expiry of the period of appeal.

Copy of this order be given ***dasti*** to the counsel for the State under signatures of the Bench Secretary of this Court for immediate transmission and information for compliance.

May 13, 2019
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No