

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-920-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 29.10.2020

Paramjeet Kaur and another ...Petitioners
vs.

State of Punjab and others ...Respondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S. Walia.

Present: Mr. Abhishek Kaushik, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. B.S. Sewak, Addl. AG, Punjab.

Mr. Sunish Bindlish, Advocate for respondent No.4.

Mr. S.S. Sandhu, Advocate for respondent No.5-NIA.

B.S. Walia, J. (VC)

CRM No.9597-2020

Allowed as prayed for. Annexure P-5 is taken on record.

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1. Case is being taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing due to the outbreak of pandemic Covid-19.
2. Prayer in the petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. read with Article 226 of the Constitution of India is for the issuance of directions to the respondents to open the locks of the house belonging to the petitioners which was locked / sealed by respondent No. 5 allegedly without following the procedure stipulated under Chapter V-A of the NDPS Act, 1985.
3. Mr. S.S. Sandhu, Advocate, appearing on behalf of respondent No.5-NIA, states that the house of the petitioners had to be compulsorily locked as there was no one available at the site, therefore, the same could not have been left open. Learned counsel further on instructions from CIA, Chief

Investigating Officer, Dr. Sanjukta Prashar, states that the keys of the house can be collected on any working day either by the petitioners or by their counsel from the branch office of NIA, Modern Jail Complex, Chandigarh, after 5th November, 2020.

4. The same satisfies learned counsel for the petitioners.

5. Accordingly, the petition is disposed of by directing the concerned officer of respondent No.5 NIA to hand over the keys of the house in question to either of the petitioners or their counsel by whom the present petition has been filed on their submitting identification proof, during working hours on any working day at the office of NIA, Modern Jail Complex, Chandigarh, after 5th November, 2020.

6. Petition disposed of as above.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

29.10.2020

'PS-Rajesh'

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No