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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-37369-2022

Date of decision : 22.08.2022

Iqbal Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Ishan Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. P.S. Grewal, DAG, Punjab.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

This is a petition filed under Section 482 read with Section 483 Cr.P.C. for issuance of appropriate writ, order or direction to respondent Nos.3 to 8 to preserve the CCTV camera footage.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner had moved an application dated 17.08.2022 (Annexure P-3) before the Court of Judge, Special Court, Jalandhar for preserving the CCTV camera footage installed as detailed in the said application and in the said application, notice has been issued and now the case is fixed for 03.09.2022 for appearance of the petitioner. It is further submitted that there is urgency in the matter inasmuch as the CCTV Footage more so, regarding the Toll Plaza is only retained for a few days. It is contended that the

petitioner would move an application for early hearing alongwith all the materials which have been annexed with the present petition and has further stated that at this stage, the petitioner would be satisfied in case, the Special Court, Jalandhar is directed to decide the application dated 17.08.2022 (Annexure P-3) as expeditiously as possible.

On the other hand, learned State Counsel appears on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 7 and has submitted that in case, such application for preponement is filed, the respondent-State would file the reply to the said application as expeditiously as possible.

Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances, the present petition is disposed of with liberty to the petitioner to move an application for preponement before the Special Court, Jalandhar with respect to application dated 17.08.2022 (Annexure P-3) and the State is directed to file its reply as expeditiously as possible and the Special Court, Jalandhar is requested to decide the said application as expeditiously as possible.

22.08.2022*Pawan***(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE****Whether speaking/reasoned:-****Yes/No****Whether reportable:-****Yes/No**