

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

CRR-851-1987

Date of Decision :- 30.10.2023

Amrik Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present: Mr.S.S. Matewal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr.Arun Luthra, DAG, Punjab.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (ORAL)

1. Pursuant to order dated 13.03.2023 passed by this Court, affidavit of Mr.Lalit Kumar Kohli, Assistant Inspector General of Prisons Headquarter, Punjab, has been filed, which is taken on record. Its relevant extract is being reproduced as under:

“4.1 The Deponent directed the office of the Superintendent, Central Jail, Amritsar vide office letter no.AIG/01 dated 08.08.2023, No.AIG/06 dated 04.09.2023 to collect the records with regard to the prisoner Amrik Singh in case CRR No.851 of 1987. The information for the same has been received by the deponent from the office of Superintendent Central Jail, Amritsar vide letter No.5693 dated 09.10.2023 is attached herewith as Annexure R-1/T.

4.2 That the deponent has personally visited the Central

Jail, Amritsar and examined the Register No.2 of the year 1986 and 1987 of Central Jail, Amritsar and the police report of 13 prisoners in the name of Amrik Singh as collected by the office of Superintendent, Central Jail, Amritsar. As per records, there were 1342 prisoners were (sic) admitted in the year 1986 and 1303 prisoners were admitted in 1987 in Central Jail, Amritsar. Out of which a total 13 prisoners in the name of Amrik Singh were admitted in the jail. Out of these 13 inmates two inmates in the name of Amrik Singh were admitted second time in the jail which is explained in the above annexed letter No.5693 dated 09.10.2023. On the examination of the above mentioned jail record as well as the police record, it has been revealed that it is not possible to verify the whereabouts of the petitioner without his antecedents among the 13 identified inmates in the name of Amrik Singh.

4.3 That it is brought to the kind notice of Hon'ble Court that a letter was written to the office of Advocate General, Punjab by the deponent vide letter No.AIG/22 dated 19.10.2023 to find out the record of Amrik Singh in case CRR No.851 of 1987 but as per report dated 21.10.2023 of Advocate General, Punjab the information regarding the record is not available. The report dated 21.10.2023 as received from the Advocate General, Punjab is attached herewith as Annexure R2.

4.4. The deponent also personally visited the office of District and Sessions Judge, Amritsar to find out the record of

Amrik Singh in CRR No.851 of 1987. The Office of District and Sessions Judge, Amritsar intimated vide Memo No.6539 dated 25.10.2023 that without proper and adequate information regarding the antecedents of Amrik Singh in CRR No.851 of 1987, the particular case cannot be traced out. The report as received from the office of the District and Sessions Judge, Amritsar vide letter/Memo No.6539 dated 25.10.2023 is attached herewith as Annexure R3.

5. *That it is respectfully submitted that the deponent made every possible efforts to find out the whereabouts of the petitioner namely Amrik Singh as mentioned in CRR No.851 of 1987. The record is more than 35 years old which could not be traced as there is no father name, FIR No., address, date of conviction etc.”*

2. Mr.Mattewal submits that he is not in contact with the petitioner nor is the record of the petition available in his office.

3. In view of the above position, petition is dismissed.

4. However, liberty is granted to the petitioner to revive the petition in case anything still survives.

30.10.2023
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(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

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