

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-1710-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 18.03.2024

Gurmukh Singh

...Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. L.S. Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vipin Pal Yadav, Addl. AG Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in the present petition is for directing the respondents to conduct/conclude the inquiry expeditiously into the sudden and suspicious death of Beant Singh-son of the petitioner in Central Jail, Kapurthala.
2. Pursuant to the order dated 29.01.2024 passed by this Court, a reply on behalf of respondents No.1, 3 and 5 has been filed, wherein it is averred that the deceased had been lodged in Central Jail, Kapurthala, on 31.01.2019 under orders of the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jalandhar, in case FIR No.22 dated 29.01.2019 registered under Sections 18 and 25 of the NDPS Act, at Police Station Sadar Jalandhar. On 19.08.2019 at about 11.55 p.m., the deceased suddenly got ill and on receipt of the information from the inmates of his Barrack, he was taken to the Jail Hospital without any delay and after giving first aid, he was referred to the Civil Hospital,

Kapurthala for further treatment. Further, the Doctors of the Civil Hospital, Kapurthala, administered preliminary treatment to the son of the petitioner and referred him to Guru Nanak Dev Medical College and Hospital, Amritsar, for better treatment, where he was got admitted on 20.08.2019 in the medicine emergency ward, however, at 3.15 a.m. he was declared dead by the Doctors of the said hospital.

3. It has further reported that the matter has already been examined by the Human Rights Commission and also by various other authorities. A Board of Doctors was constituted to conduct the post-mortem of the son of the petitioner and the post-mortem was video-graphed and as per the inquiry, there was no suspicious circumstance and the death was on account of Brain Hemorrhage, Organomegaly.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that he has instructions to withdraw the present petition in view of the reply filed by the respondents with liberty to the petitioner to take recourse to the alternative efficacious remedies available to him in accordance with law.

5. **Disposed of** as withdrawn with the liberty as aforesaid.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

18.03.2024

Mangal Singh

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