



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-PIL-23-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 21.05.2025

Kanwar Pahul Singh

...Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Kanwal Pahul Singh - Petitioner-in-person.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

SUMEET GOEL, JUDGE

1. The gamut of the writ petition in hand was limited by this Court, vide its order dated 31.01.2025, in respect of the prayer(s) made in Clauses (ii), (iii), and (iv) thereof only, which reads thus:

“ii. **‘Writ’** in the nature of **‘Mandamus’** or **‘Order(s)’** or **‘Direction(s)’** directing **RESPONDENTS** to ensure effective implementation of **‘Guidelines/Directions’** having been issued by Supreme Court of India in a case titled as **“Deputy Inspector General of Police and another Versus S. Samuthiram”**, in a Civil Appeal No.8513 of 2012 (Arising out of SLP (C) No.31592 of 2008). D/d 30.11.2012 (**P-12**), in entire state of Punjab, in its strict sense so that commission of cognizable offences can be prevented in toto.

iii. **‘WRIT’** in the nature of **“Mandamus”** or **Order(s)’** or **‘Direction(s)’** directing **RESPONDENTS** to ensure effective implementation of **‘Guidelines/Directions’** having been issued by Supreme Court of India vide order dated 02.12.2020 passed in a case titled as **“Paramvir Singh Saini versus Baljit Singh and others”**, in a SLP Criminal No.3543-2020 (**P-13**), in all police stations situated in State of Punjab, in its strict sense.

iv. **Writ’** in the nature of **‘Mandamus’** or **‘Order(s)’** or **‘Direction(s)’** directing **RESPONDENTS** to establish **‘COMMUNITY POLICE**



*RESOURCE CENTRE' in every District of State of Punjab for redressal of grievances of general public and for other matters in accordance with mandate enshrined under **SECTION 14** of the **ACT, 2007**."*

2. The State of Punjab has responded to the petition in hand by filing an affidavit dated 22/23.04.2025, relevant whereof reads thus:

*"4. That in compliance with the aforesaid directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India the office of the Director General of Police, Punjab had issued detailed guidelines for prevention and investigation of case of Crime against Women. A copy of the said guidelines issued vide No. 16181-232/CR-L (CAW) dated 20.05.2024 are annexed alongwith and marked as **ANNEXURE R-1**.*

*5. That it is further humbly submitted that in compliance of the directions issued by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the case of **Paramvir Singh Saini Vs. Baljit Singh and others [Special Leave Petition (Criminal) No. 3543 of 2020]**, it is humbly submitted that the Department of Home Affairs and Justice, Punjab, vide Memo. Endst. No. 5/95/2020-2H4/293 dated 15.01.2021 had constituted State Level Oversight Committee (SLOC), comprising the following officers:*

- 1. Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Home (Chairperson).*
- 2. The Director General of Police (Member).*
- 3. Special Secretary, Department of Finance (Member).*
- 4. The member of the State Women's Commission (Member).*

6. That similarly, the Department of Home Affairs and Justice, Punjab vide Memo. No. 5/95/2020-2H4/292 dated 15.01.2021, had constituted District Level Oversight Committee (DLOC) comprising the following officers:

- 1. Commissioner of Division (Chairman).*
- 2. The District Magistrate of the District (Member)*
- 3. Senior Superintendent of Police (Member).*
- 4. A Mayor of a Municipality within the District/ a Head of the Zilla Panchayat in rural areas to be nominated by the Commissioner of the Division (Member).*

7. That CCTV Cameras have been made operational in 423 Police Stations, 31 CIA Staff premises and 153 Police Posts in the State of Punjab. All areas of Police Stations, CIA Staff premises and Police Posts have been covered under CCTV surveillance system. The entry and exit points and all mandatory parts of the Police Stations, CIA Staff premises and Police Posts have been covered under CCTV surveillance system.



8. That CCTV surveillance system is equipped with night vision and consists of audio as well as video footage. Arrangement of UPS with 10 hours backup has been made at each location. Provision for storage of CCTV cameras recording for 18 months has been made at each location. CCTV footage is recorded at each location (i.e. Police Stations/ CIA Staff premises/ Police Posts) in offline mode. There is a provision to view the video feed of any of the cameras online on demand by accessing the cameras through secured network through bandwidth provided by the Police Department.

9. That Annual Maintenance Contract has been made with the working agency M/s TCIL for 3 years, which shall ensure that the CCTV surveillance system is kept operational and maintained in case of any complaint about non-functionality.”

3. Having heard the petitioner (in person) and learned counsel for the respondents, in the backdrop of the factual milieu of the aforementioned affidavit submitted the State of Punjab, we close the proceedings, for the nonce, as regards prayer made in Clauses (ii) and (iii) with the expectation that the State of Punjab & its functionaries shall continue to take further steps in accordance with the said affidavit.

4. As regards prayer made in Clause (iv); it is noticeable that the petitioner has submitted a representation dated 26.04.2024 (copy whereof has been appended as Annexure P-14 with the present petition).

Petitioner, at this stage, limits his request in respect of prayer made in Clause (iv) and submits that he would be satisfied for the *nonce*, if a direction is issued to respondent No.2 – Secretary, Department of Home Affairs and Justice, Punjab to look into the said representation moved by the petitioner by objectively considering the grievance(s) raised in the said representation as regards prayer clause (iv) made in the petition and take a ratiocinated decision thereupon, in accordance with law, within a period of 90 days from today.



Ordered accordingly.

Such decision be communicated to the petitioner within 15 days of it being taken. It is further mandated that the respondent-State of Punjab and its functionaries shall take appropriate measure(s) in terms of such decision by respondent No.2. A compliance affidavit be submitted by respondent No.2 (herein) – Secretary, Department of Home Affairs and Justice, Punjab with the Registrar General of this Court within 04 months from today. In case, anything amiss is found therein, the Registrar General of this Court is directed to place the matter before this Court. Liberty, on similar lines, is also extended to the petitioner.

Pending application(s), if any, stand dispose of accordingly.

No disposition as to costs.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

May 21, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No