

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-25445-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 27.08.2025

Avtar Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Salinder Kumar Saini, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG Punjab

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The cancellation report in the present case having been accepted by the National Lok Adalat, is without jurisdiction as held in **Sawinder Singh vs. State of Punjab**, 2007(1) RCR (CrI.) 973, wherein it was held that as per the provisions of the Legal Services Authority Act, 1987, a Lok Adalat is not a Court/Forum, conferred with jurisdiction, to receive and adjudicate untraced report/cancellation report/final reports filed under the Code of Criminal Procedure. These reports have to be filed before the Illaqa Magistrate or such Court, as may be conferred with jurisdiction to entertain them.
2. In view of the above, the present petition is allowed. The order dated 12.12.2020 is set aside.

27.08.2025
M.Kamra

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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