



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

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CRM-M-58284-2024

Date of decision: March 10th, 2025

Amritpal Singh Khatra

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Swarn Tiwana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Baljinder Singh, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

On the last date of hearing, it had been submitted by the learned counsel that since the occurrence in question had taken place within the premises of Judicial Court Complex, Rupnaar, none of the local lawyers including anyone from the District Legal Services Authority was willing to represent the petitioner during trial. In the circumstances, a report had been called for from the learned trial Court concerned.

2. Report has been received in compliance of order dated 13.02.2025. It transpires on a perusal of the report that incorrect submissions were made on the last date of hearing by the counsel for the petitioner that none from the District Legal Services Authority was willing to represent the petitioner; rather no such application had been moved by the petitioner before the District Legal Services Authority, Rupnagar, for engaging Legal Aid Counsel to represent him before the

trial Court concerned.

3. In the circumstances, no ground is made out to accept the prayer of the petitioner.

4. Dismissed.

March 10th, 2025
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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No