

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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2025:PHHC:149591



CRWP-9357-2025 (O&M).
Date of decision: 30.10.2025.

HARPAL SINGH

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Mr. Devansh Khanna, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The present habeas corpus petition has been filed for seeking release of the detenue (Maninder Kaur) wife of the petitioner who was allegedly confined and tortured by respondent No.2 at Police Station Civil Lines, Amritsar.

The Warrant Officer submitted his report wherein he had averred that the warrant officer was not provided access to the CCTV cameras installed at the Police Station. Hence, this Court vide order dated 02.09.2025 directed seizure of the CCTV Cameras installed in the Police Station to check the footage from 25.08.2025 to 27.08.2025 and called for a

report from the District and Sessions Judge, Amritsar. Vide order dated 05.09.2025, the Registrar (Vigilance) of this Court was directed examine the video recording and report as to whether the detenue had been kept in police Station between the said period and for how long.

Pursuant to the orders passed by this Court, a report has been received from the Registrar (Vigilance). It is submitted that Maninder Kaur was not kept in illegal and unauthorised detention by the officials during the period 25.08.2025 to 27.08.2025 and that the report from the Forensic Science Laboratory established that there is no tampering in the CCTV footage.

Taking into consideration that the case in hand was instituted alleging unauthorised detention of Maninder Kaur in the Police Station and that the Warrant Officer did not find the detenue in illegal detention and the claim is also not supported from the CCTV footage which stands duly verified by the Registrar (Vigilance) of this Court, the present writ petition is disposed of as having been rendered infructuous.

October 30, 2025.

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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No