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

CWP-27839-2025

Date of decision:-27.11.2025

Anmol Hanjra

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

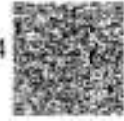
Present : Mr. Manpreet Singh Dua, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Siddharth Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J.(ORAL)

1. Petitioner has approached this Court with a grievance that he has not been issued a Police Clearance Certificate.

2. Counsel for the petitioner states that petitioner has been falsely implicated in FIR No.10 dated 06.03.2018, lodged for offences under Sections 379, 148, 149 IPC at Police Station Amir Khas, District Fazilka and a cancellation report has been presented after investigation, which has not been accepted by the learned Judicial Magistrate. Vide order dated 04.11.2023, Annexure P2, learned Magistrate directed



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further investigation in the matter. Counsel states that the petitioner applied for a Police Clearance Certificate on 13.08.2025, Annexure P3, which has not been granted, forcing him to file the present petition.

3. On asking of the Court, Mr. Siddharth Sandhu, AAG, Punjab, who has been served with an advance copy of the petition, has appeared on behalf of the respondents. He states that as petitioner is an accused in a criminal case, which is under investigation, the certificate cannot be granted to him.

4. Having heard counsel for the parties and considering their respective submissions, this Court is of the view that the petitioner cannot be denied the certificate merely on account of the fact that he has been arraigned as an accused and allegation leveled against him is being inquired into. Facts, as averred in the petition reveal that after investigation, a cancellation report was presented in the criminal case, but the Trial Magistrate has directed further investigation. A similar issue came up for consideration before this Court in CWP-31309-2025 titled ***“Ramanpreet Singh Versus The State of Punjab and others”***, decided on 20.11.2025 wherein a direction was issued to the respondent – authorities to re-examine the matter and consider grant of certificate to the petitioner by making a mention of the pendency of the criminal case.

5. For the foregoing reasons, writ petition is disposed of. Direction is issued to the competent authority to examine the matter and consider issuing of Police Clearance Certificate to the petitioner by incorporating the factum of pendency of the criminal case. Needful be



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done within a fortnight from the date of communication of a copy of this order.

27.11.2025
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(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

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