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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-15437-2009 (O&M)
Date of decision: 27.01.2026

PANKAJ SHARMA

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Mr. Tanvir Singh Grewal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Raghav Goel, AAG, Punjab.

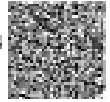
Mr. Mannat Khurana, Advocate for respondent No.5.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present Civil Writ Petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of *certiorari* for quashing the order (Annexure P-12), whereby respondent No.1 refused to grant sanction to prosecute respondent No.5, against whom FIR No.6 dated 21.01.2008 under Sections 7 and 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act was registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Patiala.

2. Mr. Tanvir Singh Grewal, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of the petitioner and has filed his power of attorney in the Court today, which is taken on record.

3. Learned counsels for the parties have submitted that the subject matter of the present petition has become redundant in view of the fact that

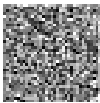


respondent No.5 has already died on 20.01.2025 and therefore, nothing survives in the present petition as the prayer was to set aside the order by which the authorities had refused to grant sanction to prosecute respondent No.5 in the aforesaid FIR.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that even otherwise also, a compromise has been effected between the parties in the present case before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court vide settlement/agreement dated 04.09.2025 and referred to the mediation report in this regard. He further submitted that as per Clause 7(c) of the settlement/agreement, the second party i.e. respondent No.4-Vigilance Bureau, Range Patiala has undertaken to reimburse the trap amount of Rs.20,000/- (with interest, if any, by virtue of any statutory obligations) within one month from the date of disposal of the present petition by this Court.

5. Learned State counsel submitted that as per Clause 7(c) of the aforesaid settlement/agreement, which was arrived at through mediation, the amount of Rs.20,000/- is to be paid within one month after the disposal of the present petition and therefore, as of now, no such direction can be issued in this regard.

6. In view of the above, the present Civil Writ Petition is dismissed as having become redundant. So far as the enforcement of Clause 7(c) of the settlement/agreement is concerned, the same cannot be enforced as of now being premature and as per the aforesaid Clause, the amount of Rs.20,000/- is to be paid by respondent No.4-Vigilance Bureau, Range Patiala, within a period of one month from the date of disposal of the present petition.



7. Learned State counsel, on instructions from Ms. Renu Bala, Inspector, Vigilance Bureau, Range Patiala, who is present in the Court, submitted that the aforesaid Clause 7(c) of the settlement/agreement will be complied with and the amount of Rs.20,000/- will be paid to the petitioner within the aforesaid period of one month and so far as the interest amount is concerned, the same will be considered in accordance with law, subject to the statutory obligations incorporated in the said Clause.

27.01.2026
Chetan Thakur

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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