



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

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CWP-20913-2025

Date of Decision: 01.04.2026

VIKAS

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present:- Petitioner (in person)

Mr. Aman Dhir, D.A.G., Punjab

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is seeking direction to respondent to release his four-wheeler make Maruti Dzire.

2. The petitioner claims that his vehicle was wrongly and unauthorizedly seized by Police authorities.

3. As per reply, petitioner's car met with an accident. Both the cars involved in accident were brought to Police Station on 12.06.2025. Manish Kumar who was owner of another vehicle bearing Registration No. *PB-27-J-9017* made a complaint to Police Station Mubarakpur. The matter was examined and it was found that cars of both parties have been damaged and no one was at fault. No injury was caused to anyone and there was no material damage to any vehicle, thus, parties were asked to take away their vehicle. Manish Kumar took away his vehicle but petitioner left his vehicle bearing Registration No. *HR-11-E-4111* parked outside the Police Station. There was neither written nor oral order to detain the vehicle. He finally took away his vehicle on 28.07.2025 under proper receipt.



4. Learned State counsel supporting averments made in reply submits that Police department was not at fault. The petitioner himself opted to leave his vehicle outside the Police Station. It is petitioner who is at fault.

5. Heard the arguments and perused the record.

6. From the perusal of record, it is evident that vehicle was brought to Police Station on 12.06.2025. A writ petition before this Court was filed on 03.07.2025 and matter was taken up on 24.07.2025. On 24.07.2025, the respondents made a statement that they have no objection if petitioner collects his vehicle from the spot. The petitioner was directed to collect his vehicle on 28.07.2025 at 11:00 AM. He on the said day collected his vehicle. The respondent is trying to portray that petitioner at his own will left vehicle parked outside the Police Station. Stand of respondent does not seem to be convincing and plausible. It does not inspire confidence. There was no reason to approach this Court if petitioner by will had left his vehicle outside the Police Station. The vehicle was finally released when matter was taken up by this Court on 24.07.2025. There is apparent mistake or abuse of power on the part of Police officials. It would be in the interest of justice and fitness of things if petitioner is awarded costs of Rs.10,000/- for harassment and act & omission of Police officials which deprived petitioner from his vehicle from 12.06.2025 to 28.07.2025. Ordered accordingly. The payment of aforesaid amount shall be made within four weeks from today.

7. Disposed of.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

01.04.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No