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## SHAMSHER SINGH @ SHERA VS STATE OF PUNJAB

Present: Mr. Rishu Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioner in CRM-M-43555-2024.

Mr. Ankur Jain, Advocate for the petitioner in CRM-M-45561-2024.

Mr. Hitesh Chopra, Advocate with Mr. Amit Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner in CRM-M-1577-2025.

Mr.M.S.Bajwa, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

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In compliance of order dated 14.05.2025 passed by this Court, Mr. Maninder Singh, Senior Superintendent of Police, District Amritsar (Rural) is present in the Court and has filed an affidavit, which is taken on record. He has tendered his unconditional apology for not complying with the interim order dated 03.03.2025 passed by this Court and the apology is accepted.

Learned State counsel submits that the Senior Superintendent of Police himself is now examining the role of jail officials and an application shall be moved to the trial Court for getting the permission to get the matter investigated further. Learned State counsel has assured the Court that the role of jail officials shall be investigated fairly and impartially and in case, any jail official is found involved, he shall not be spared and appropriate legal action shall be taken against him.

Learned State counsel has placed on record a copy of the order dated 16.05.2025 passed by the Director General of Police, Punjab, whereby, he has constituted Range Level / Commissionerate-Level Committees to examine the files of all cases registered under NDPS Act, where there are allegations of smuggling from various jails of Punjab. At Range Level, the Committee shall be headed by Range ADGP/IGP/DIG, whereas at Police Commissionerate Level, the Committee shall be headed by Commissioner of Police. Apart from that, Mr. Nilabh Kishore, IPS, Additional Director General of Police, ANTF, Punjab has also been directed to supervise the files of the aforesaid Committees in all cases, where there are allegations of smuggling from various jails of Punjab.

Adjourned to 28.07.2025.

A fresh status report of investigation may be filed by way of an affidavit of Senior Superintendent of Police, District Amritsar (Rural). He is also directed to monitor the investigation in the present case personally.

The personal appearance of concerned SSP shall remain exempted till further orders.

A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of the other connected cases.

## (N.S.SHEKHAWAT) JUDGE

**16.05.2025** hemlata

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