

**COURT ON ITS OWN MOTION
VS
STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS**

Present: Ms. Tanu Bedi, Advocate (*Amicus Curiae*) assisted by
Mr. Pushp Jain, Advocate.

Mr. Puneet Bali, Sr. Advocate
Mr. Kuljit Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab.
Mr. Aftab Singh Khara, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Anant Kataria, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Manish Bansal, Public Prosecutor with
Mr. Rajiv Vij, Addl. P.P., U.T., Chandigarh.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Addl. Solicitor General of India with
Mr. Arun Gosain, Senior Government Counsel
for Union of India.

Mr. K.A.P. Sinha, Chief Secretary, Punjab
(Through Video Conferencing).

Mr. Prabhodh Kumar, IPS (Retd.) Head of the SIT
(Through Video Conferencing).

Mr. Sanjay Kaushal, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Ishan Kaushal, Advocate and
Mr. Arjun Kaushal, Advocate
for the intervenors.

Mr. K.A.P. Sinha, Chief Secretary, Punjab, who has appeared through Video Conferencing, submits that significant progress has been made in augmenting the security of jails in the State. He also submits that video conferencing facility is available in all the jails and various posts of jail staff have been filled while the process is on for filling up other posts.

Status report by way of affidavit of Principal Secretary, Jails, Government of Punjab, has been filed in Court, which is taken on record.

A copy of the same has been furnished to learned *Amicus Curiae* who prays for time to go through the same.

Affidavit of Prabhodh Kumar, IPS (Retd.), Head of SIT along with status report (Annexure R-1) in a sealed cover, has been filed, which is taken on record. Copy of the same be furnished to learned *Amicus* as well as to Mr. Aftab Singh Khara, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Learned State counsel submits that affidavit of Director General of Police will be filed by the next date of hearing.

List on 28.08.2025.

Photocopy of this order be placed on the connected files.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

18.08.2025
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