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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

B.R. GAVAI; J., VIKRAM NATH; J., SANJAY KAROL; J.

Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 3543/2020; 21-02-2023

PARAMVIR SINGH SAINI versus BALJIT SINGH & ORS.

CCTV Installation in police stations and investigative agencies: Supreme Court asks States, UTs and Union Government to file compliance affidavits before March 29.

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 22-11-2016 in CRWP No. 1245/2016 passed by the High Court Of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh)

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ORDER

Mr. Siddhartha Dave, learned Senior Advocate/Amicus Curiae has submitted the Sixth Report. The Report states that many of the agencies under the Union of India and various State Governments have not complied with the directions for installation of CCTV cameras in the police station as well as the offices of agencies under the Union of India.

We request the learned Amicus Curiae to supply a copy of the said Report to the learned ASG.

We further request the learned ASG to supply a copy of the said Report to the Union of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs. A copy of the Report shall be forwarded by the Home Ministry, Union of India to the Home Secretaries of all the States as well as the Union Territories in the country. The same shall be done within a week from today.

The learned ASG submits that there is already a compliance of the directions issued by this Court and placed a chart on record indicating the same.

Though the Chart would show that some of the agencies have complied with the directions, some of the agencies have not complied with even a part of the direction.

In that view of the matter, it would be appropriate that the Union of India as well as all the States/Union Territories shall file an affidavit stating therein the present status with regard to the compliance of the directions issued by this Court. The said affidavit shall be submitted on or prior to 29.03.2023. A copy of the said affidavit be supplied to the learned Amicus Curiae.

We clarify that in the event the directions, as issued by this Court, are not complied with by the Union of India and the respective State Governments/Union Territories, we shall be compelled to take such steps as found necessary against the Secretary (Home), Union of India as well as the Chief Secretary and the Secretary (Home) of the respective State Governments.

We further direct the Secretary (Home), Union of India to communicate this order to all the Chief Secretaries as well as the Home Secretaries of the respective States and the Union Territories.

We direct the matter to be placed on 18.4.2023.

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