

Sr. No.213

CRM-27016-2024 in
CRA-D-891-2022

SAHAB SINGH @ SABA V/S STATE OF HARYANA

Present: Mr. Ishnoor Singh, Advocate
for the applicant-appellant.

Mr. Rahul Dev Singh, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

Mr. Raghav Garg, AAG, Punjab and
Mr. Rahul Jindal, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Deepak Sabherwal, Advocate
for the respondent – CBI.

Mr. Sourabh Goel, Advocate and
Ms. Samridhi Jain, Advocate
for the respondent – NCB.

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In pursuance to the interim directions given by this Court on 21.11.2024 an interim status report dated 13.02.2025 has been filed by the CBI in a sealed cover which was opened in the Court and perused.

As per the afore-referred interim status report, the matter is still being inquired into by the CBI and after going through the said status report, we find that so far the inquiry is moving in the right direction.

Preliminary inquiry made by the CBI has *inter alia* revealed that prohibited drugs are being sold across the counter by retailers/chemists without a prescription by a qualified medical practitioner and that as a cover up duplicate/fake prescriptions are being maintained by retailers/chemists.

In this regard, we direct CBI/NCB to take effective steps/conduct random raids to ensure that no drugs which, in law, cannot be sold across the counter by retailers/chemists without a valid prescription from a duly qualified medical practitioner are sold. A report with regard to

such steps taken by the CBI/NCB shall be produced on the adjourned date.

The interim status report be resealed and kept in the safe custody of the Registrar (Judicial) of this Court and the same be produced on the next date of hearing.

Adjourned to 04.03.2025 on which date the prayer made by the CBI for grant of further time to conclude the inquiry, in terms of the directions given by this Court on 21.11.2024, shall also be considered.

(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE

(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE

February 13, 2025
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