

268 **CWP-PIL-93-2023 (O&M)**
and other connected cases

COURT ON ITS OWN MOTION
V/S
STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

Present: Ms. Tanu Bedi, Advocate as *Amicus Curiae*.
(Through video conferencing).

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India with
Mr. Arun Gosain, Senior Govt. Counsel
for the respondent/UOI.

Mr. A.S. Khara, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Anant Kataria, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Manish Bansal, Public Prosecutor, UT Chandigarh and
Mr. Rajiv Vij, Addl. P.P. UT Chandigarh.

Mr. Gourav Bhayyia Gilhotra, Advocate and
Mr. Vishawjeet Singh, Advocate,
for the applicant in CM-85-CWPIL-2023.

Mr. K.A.P. Sinha, Chief Secretary Punjab.
(Through video conferencing)

Mr. Arun Pal Singh, ADGP, Prisons, Punjab.
(Through video conferencing)

Mr. Jaspreet Talwar, Addl. Chief Secretary (Jails), Punjab.
(Through video conferencing)

In compliance with the order passed by this Court dated 24.04.2025, Mr. K.A.P. Sinha, Chief Secretary, Punjab has filed his affidavit and the same is taken on record. It has been stated in the affidavit that the security equipment has been procured and is being installed in the jails. The jail wise details thereof has been set out in the affidavit as Annexure R-1. These measures include:

a) AI Based CCTV Surveillance System-14 jails,

- b) X-Ray Baggage Machines (Small Tunnel Size)-16,
- c) X-Ray Baggage Machines (Large Tunnel Size)-03,
- d) CCTV Cameras-295,
- e) Body Worn Cameras-90,
- f) Under Vehicle Mirror-16,
- g) Live Wire Fencing-23 jails,
- h) Wire Mesh-High Security Zones of 04 jails,
- i) Anti-Riot Kits-110,
- j) E-carts-16 and
- k) E-bikes-57.

Mr. K.A.P. Sinha, Chief Secretary, Punjab submits that the approval for installation of V-Kavach Jammers has been accorded by the Cabinet in its meeting held on 09.05.2025. He also submits that in-principle approval for recruitment of about 500 jail staff has been obtained and the requisition in this regard would be sent to the Staff Selection Board within a period of one month. They have also sought additional personnel from CRPF, PESCO, Punjab Home Guards, IRB, QRT and Punjab Police. However, in view of the prevalent security situation, the process is likely to take some time as the security forces are engaged in internal security duties.

A perusal of the aforesaid affidavit, would show that a timelines have been set out in Annexure R-2; however, these timelines shall be effective from the date of administrative approval.

Therefore, we direct that the Chief Secretary, Punjab shall file the affidavit stating therein the stage of the process and the approvals. Endeavor should be made to immediately send the proposals, which would

be considered at the earliest by the competent authority. The fresh timelines shall also be set out in the affidavit which shall be filed by the next date of hearing.

List on 28.05.2025.

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

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

May 12, 2025
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