

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

Present: Ms. Tanu Bedi, Advocate as Amicus Curiae assisted by
Mr. Pushp Jain, Advocate.

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

Mr. Aftab Singh Khara, Senior DAG, Punjab and
Mr. ADS Sukhija, Addl. AG, Punjab.
Mr. Anant Kataria, DAG, Haryana.

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

Mr. Prabodh Kumar, Special Director General of Police,
PSHRC-cum-Head of the SIT (through video conferencing)

Mr. Arun Pal Singh, ADGP, Punjab (through V.C.)

Learned State counsel submits that AI based CCTV surveillance facility has been installed in 8 jails in the State of Punjab while work is in progress at an advanced stage in six other jails and it is likely to be completed by 02.05.2025. V-kavach jammers has been installed in Central Jail, Bathinda and are being installed in 10 more 'sensitive' jails. He prays for time to file a detailed affidavit.

It is directed that the affidavit shall state the number of prisoners calling system machines installed in the jails of the State, jail wise. It shall also be stated in the affidavit as to whether there has been any reduction in the unauthorized use of the mobile phones by the inmates and the number of mobile phones which have been recovered over the last three months from various jails in the State of Punjab shall also be set out.

Mr. Prabodh Kumar, Special DGP (Retd.)-Head of the SIT submits that the investigation is in progress in terms of the order passed by this Court. He submits that the status report shall be filed by the next date of hearing.

List on 19.03.2025.

Photocopy of this order be placed in the connected cases.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

25.02.2025
SwarnjitS