

Desa Singh Vs State of Punjab

Court: High Court Of Punjab And Haryana At Chandigarh

Date of Decision: Aug. 31, 2013

Acts Referred: Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 (CrPC) â€” Section 482
Penal Code, 1860 (IPC) â€” Section 379

Hon'ble Judges: Daya Chaudhary, J

Bench: Single Bench

Advocate: Vikasdeep Singh, for the Appellant; Premjit Singh Hundal, AAG, Punjab, for the Respondent

Final Decision: Allowed

Judgement

Daya Chaudhary, J.

The present petition has been filed u/s 482 Cr.P.C. for setting aside order dated 16.7.2013 passed by Additional

Sessions Judge, Tarn Taran as well as order dated 9.5.2013 passed by Chief Judicial Magistrate, Tarn Taran, whereby, an application filed by the

petitioner for release of vehicle Eicher Tractor bearing registration No. PB61-4418 along with trolley on sapurdari, has been dismissed. Learned

counsel for the petitioner contends that both the Courts below have not given any specific reason for not releasing the vehicle on sapurdari inspite

of the fact that the police has also given no objection. Learned counsel further submits that in case the vehicle is kept in the police station, the

condition of same will be deteriorated and the same would become unfit for driving. Learned counsel also submits that all documents pertaining to

the ownership of the vehicle have been supplied to the police and the petitioner is ready to furnish adequate security before the lower Court.

Learned counsel has also relied upon the orders passed by this Court in Crl. Revn. No. 1757 of 2013 decided on 11.7.2013 titled as Bakshish

Singh Vs. State of Punjab and Crl. Revn. No. 1767 of 2013 decided on 11.7.2013 titled as Sahib Singh Vs. State of Punjab.

3. Learned counsel for the respondent-State has not disputed the ownership of the vehicle in dispute.

4. Admittedly, FIR No. 45 dated 16.4.2013 u/s 21(1) sub section 2,3,4 of Mining Mine and Minerals Act, 1957 and Section 379 IPC was

registered at Police Station Goindwal Sahib against petitioner-Desa Ram and one Satnam Singh and two tractor trolleys were confiscated by the

police. Petitioner-Desa Singh being owner of the said tractor trolley moved an application for release of the same. A report was also called from

SHO, Police Station Goindwal. The police authorities have given their no objection in releasing the vehicle on sapurdari but inspite of that an

application moved by the petitioner has been dismissed by CJM, Tarn Taran. Thereafter a revision was filed before Additional Sessions Judge,

Tarn Taran, which was also dismissed. Orders passed by both the Courts below are subject matter of challenge in the present petition.

5. Undisputedly, the petitioner is owner of the vehicle in dispute and an application has been moved for releasing tractor trolley on sapurdari, which

was dismissed. The vehicle is lying parked in the police station and no purpose is going to be served by keeping the same in police station as not

only condition of the vehicle will be deteriorated but the same would also become unfit for driving. In case, the vehicle is not released to its original

owner, there will be no proper care and maintenance of the same. In similar circumstances as has been mentioned above, the vehicles have been

released on sapurdari. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. Tractor Trolley bearing registration No. PB61-4418 is ordered to be released

on sapurdari to the petitioner, who is the registered owner, subject to his furnishing the requisite bond to the satisfaction of the Area Magistrate.

The petitioner shall also furnish an undertaking before the lower Court that the tractor trolley shall not be used in future for illegal mining and in

case, the same is required for some inquiry or otherwise, the same will be produced before the Court.