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COURT ON ITS OWN MOTION VS STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

Present: None for the applicant in

(CM Nos.3820-CWP-2024 and 3822-CWP-2024)

Mr. Avnish Mittal, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India with

Mr. Dheeraj Jain, Sr. Panel Counsel

for Union of India.

A letter dated 11.07.2024 addressed to Mr. Satyapal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India has been placed on record in which it has been mentioned that repatriation of six Pakistani civil prisoners is likely to take place on 26.07.2024 through Attari, ICP. The details of said six Pakistani civil prisoners given in the said letter read as under:-

S. No.	Name with Parentage	Current Status
1	Mohd. Ikhlaq s/o Mohd. Ichhaq @ Abdula @ Mohd. Ishak	Repatriation approved on 26.07.2024
2	Alla Bassaya Masih @ Alla Bamma s/o Abdul Masih @ Abdulla Masih	
3	Faqir Hussain @ Tanveer s/o Qasam Ali @ Mohammad Hussain	
4	Akbar Masih s/o Talib Masih s/o Swaina Masih	Repatriation approved on 26.07.2024
5	Tariq Mahmood s/o Muner	Repatriation approved on 26.07.2024
6	Wasim Irshad s/o Irshad Mohammad	Repatriation approved on 26.07.2024

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Regarding remaining 24 prisoners, same is under active

consideration of the Ministry and all the stakeholders.

Mr. Satyapal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India,

submits that regarding the 3rd juvenile prisoner namely Ali also, counselor

access has been provided as efforts are being made. It is apparent that Union

of India is still dragging its feet over the sensitive issue of repatriating the

persons who are continuing to stay in custody despite the sentences having

been completed.

Accordingly, in case, needful is not done, exemplary costs will

be imposed on the Union of India on the next date of hearing.

State of Punjab has filed the affidavit of Surinder Singh, Deputy

Inspector General of Prisons, Punjab, on the other issue of renovation of

washroom in the barracks of Sub-jail Pathankot of which also shows again

the factum that no active consideration is being done since only estimated

costs of Rs.71,10,000/- has been sanctioned and the Punjab Police Housing

Corporation is to float the tender for the repair and renovation of washroom

in barracks. It is to be noticed that the last order was passed on 02.05.2024

and a period of two months have gone by. Resultantly, State of Punjab is

also put to notice regarding the imposition of exemplary costs to be paid by

the officials concerned in case no positive action is taken by the next date of

hearing.

Adjourned to 10.09.2024.

(G.S. SANDHAWALIA) JUDGE

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