

**JATINDER SINGH AND ANR
V/S
STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER**

Present: Mr. R.S.Thind, DAG Punjab.

This Court vide order dated 30.04.2024 passed in CRM-M-51777-2019 had quashed FIR No.102 dated 12.08.2016, by saddling respondent No.2-wife with costs of Rs.20,000/- to be deposited with the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jalandhar within a period of four weeks. It was also specified that in case the said cost was not deposited as directed, the Deputy Commissioner shall have the costs recovered from respondent No.2-wife as arrears of land revenue and thereafter remit the same to Punjab State Legal Services Authority, Mohali.

A report dated 22.10.2024 has been received by the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jalandhar, stating therein that the said cost was not deposited within the stipulated period of four weeks, after which, in compliance to the order of this Court, a letter dated 07.08.2024 was issued to Tehsildar, Jalandhar-2, directing recovery of the cost amount from respondent No.2-wife as arrears of land revenue. Thereafter, a report dated 20.09.2024 was received, wherein it was mentioned that respondent No.2 could not be traced and also that as per the revenue records, there is no property registered in her name, due to which recovery of the cost could not be effected.

In the present circumstances where the cost so imposed upon respondent No.2, which could also not be recovered as arrears of land revenue, despite best efforts of the concerned authorities since there is no property/land registered in her name, this Court is of the opinion that spending any further resources of the State for recovery of the said amount would be a futile exercise. Therefore, under such circumstances it would be appropriate if the cost imposed on respondent No.2 is remitted and the matter is put to rest once and for all.

IOIN stands disposed of in above terms.

**(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE**

25.04.2025
Kavita Nain