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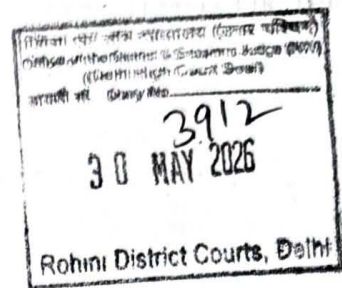
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12. The Principal District & Sessions Judge (North), Rohini Courts, Delhi.
13. The Principal Judge (Family Courts), Dwarka Courts, New Delhi.

CS (COMM) 56/2026

NOVARTIS AG

...PLAINTIFF(S)

Vs

MR HARMANPREET SINGH

..DEFENDANT(S)

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE: ROHINI COURTS, DELHI

No. 24785-24869 Genl.I/N-W & N/RC/2026

Dated 03/06/2026

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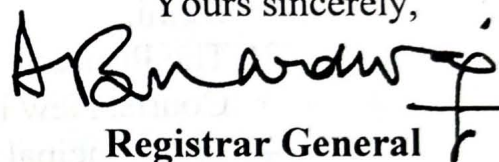
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03/06/26

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of order dated **18.05.2026** passed by this **Hon'ble Court** along with copy of Standard Operating Procedure for rendering Police Assistance to Local Commissioners appointed by Courts - ensuring protection from physical harm during execution of commission, for information and necessary compliance.

Yours sincerely,


Registrar General
APS

Encl. : 1) Copy of the order dt: 18.05.2026.

2) Copy of Memo of Parties.

3) Copy of SOP

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+ **CS(COMM) 56/2026, I.A. 1618/2026, I.A. 6573/2026, I.A. 8702/2026**
& I.A. 8705/2026

NOVARTIS AG

.....Plaintiff

Through: Mr. Rahul Chaudhary, Mr. Ankit Rastogi, Mr. Sumit Wadhwa and Ms. Vanshika Arora, Advocates.

versus

MR HARMANPREET SINGH

.....Defendant

Through: Mr. Sanjay Lao, Standing Counsel(Criminal) and Ms. Priyam Agrawal, Advocate.

Mr. Satish Kumar, Mr. Rakesh Tiwari and Mr. Vishal Verma, Advocates for D-1 alongwith Mr. Harmanpreet Singh defendant and his father Mr. Surjit Singh in person.

Mr. Bhupendra Singh alongwith Mr. Premsagar Pal, Advocates for R-2 and 3.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TUSHAR RAO GEDELA

ORDER

18.05.2026

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CCP(O) 19/2026

1. The replies to the CCP(O) 19/2026 have been filed on behalf Ms. Dhanpreet Kaur, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar, Punjab/respondent no.2 as also Mr. Jaswinder Singh, Inspector, No.2132/Jal, Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar, Punjab/respondent no.3.
2. Learned counsel appearing for the instant respondent nos.2 and 3 states that on the said date, there were multiple duties on the occasion of Shri Guru

Ravidas Maharaj Ji Jayanti and the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India's visit was also scheduled for 01.02.2026 at Dera Ballan, Jalandhar. He further states that on account of the security arrangements which were required, the Police assistance was unfortunately not available to be extended. Learned counsel for the respondent nos. 2 and 3 further states that this was not a willful default and was occasioned on account of the aforesaid high security duties which were to be executed by the Police to ensure law and order is maintained, and thus, the Local Commissioner could not be provided any Police personnel on that day.

3. The respondent nos. 2 and 3 submit that they have highest regard for the Court and had not disobeyed the order of this Court wilfully or intentionally. They have also further tendered unqualified and unconditional apology for unintentional lapses in complying with such orders. They seek discharge on the above grounds.

4. In view of the aforesaid explanation tendered by Ms. Dhanpreet Kaur, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar, Punjab/respondent no.2 as also Mr. Jaswinder Singh, Inspector no.2132/Jal, Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar, Punjab/Respondent no.3, this Court is of the considered opinion that having regard to the nature of duties and high security cover to be provided to the high dignitaries who were to visit to the nearby areas, the lack of staff in concerned the police station may have probably led to not granting or posting of a Police personnel alongwith the Local Commissioner while executing the Commission.

5. This Court is of the opinion that ordinarily the Court's order has to be complied with all the authorities of the State without any hindrance. However, keeping in view of the fact that there were certain obligations which had to be necessarily complied with by the Police Authorities on that particular day, the inadequate assistance by the Police Authority is condoned. The apologies are also accepted.

6. In view of the above, respondent nos.2 and 3 are discharged.
7. In terms of the request made by this Court to Mr. Sanjay Lao, learned Standing Counsel (Criminal) for the State of Delhi, Standard Operating Procedure (hereinafter 'SOP') in respect of providing appropriate assistance by the Delhi Police to the Local Commissioners to ensure efficient, safe and lawful execution of the Commission has been furnished. The said SOP is taken on record.
8. So as to ensure that the SOP placed on record, is circulated amongst the District Judiciary in Delhi, the worthy Registrar General of this Court is requested to ensure that copy of this Order alongwith the SOP placed on record and approved by this Court is placed before all the Principal District and Sessions Judges in Delhi for immediate implementation. The copies be sent at the earliest, by special messenger.
9. So far as sub-para (C) of para 5 of the SOP is concerned, the same shall not be read in a manner that the Local Commissioner has to file his requisition well in advance. It could only mean that as and when the Local Commissioner submits his requisition, the effect of sub-para (C) of para 5 of the SOP shall commence. This may be noted by all Principal District and Sessions Judges in Delhi and made part of implementation guidelines.
10. So far as respondent no.1 is concerned, it is stated that a reply has been filed. Rejoinder thereto has also been filed by the plaintiff.
11. This Court places its appreciation for Mr. Sanjay Lao, learned Standing Counsel (Criminal) and Ms. Priyam Agrawal, learned counsel on record for having assisted this Court in drawing up the SOP in respect of the Commissions to be executed by the Local Commission and assistance that the Police has to provide. Appreciation is also recorded for the earnest and immediate response by the Commissioner of Police, Delhi.
12. List for further consideration of I.A.1618/2026 (U/O XXXIX Rules 1 &

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2) on 16.09.2026.

13. Matter be placed "Top of the Board".

TUSHAR RAO GEDELA, J

MAY 18, 2026

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*Received from the Hon'ble
Court on 23.05.26*

IN THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

ORDINARY ORIGINAL COMMERCIAL JURISDICTION

C.S. (COMM) NO. _____ OF 2026

COMMERCIAL COURTS CODE: 50000 and 50000.04

IN THE MATTER OF: -

NOVARTIS AG

...PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

MR. HARMANPREET SINGH

Trading as M/s. Noventis Healthcare

...DEFENDANT

MEMO OF PARTIES

IN THE MATTER OF:-

NOVARTIS AG

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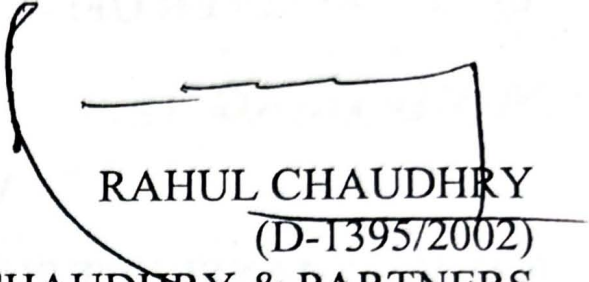
...DEFENDANT

***The Defendant is the sole and main contesting Defendant.**

THROUGH

Place: New Delhi

Dated: 17-01-2026


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DELHI POLICE

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR RENDERING POLICE ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY COURTS- ENSURING PROTECTION FROM PHYSICAL HARM DURING EXECUTION OF COMMISSION

1. INTRODUCTION

The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, in the matter of CS(COMM) 56/2026 titled as 'NOVARTIS AG vs Mr. Harmanpreet Singh', vide order dated 27.02.2026, directed to frame guidelines or SOP for providing assistance to the Local Commissioner during the execution of the Commission so as to ensure that no physical harm is suffered by the Local Commissioner at the hands of interested parties.

In compliance with the aforesaid judicial mandate, this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is hereby issued to prescribe uniform procedure for the provision of police assistance to ensure personal security to Local Commissioner wherein the competent Courts in its order specified for personal security to the Local Commissioner within the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

2. OBJECTIVE

This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) aims to ensure efficient, safe, and lawful execution of 'Commission(s)' or orders by Court-appointed Local Commissioners (LCs) with appropriate assistance from the Delhi Police. The objective of this SOP is to ensure that:

- i. A clear coordination mechanism between the Local Commissioner and the Delhi Police is established.
- ii. The Local Commissioner is able to discharge the functions assigned by the Court in a time-bound, secure and intimidation-free environment.
- iii. Any attempt to cause physical harm, assault, threat, or obstruction is effectively prevented and dealt with in accordance with law.
- iv. Police intervention remains lawful, proportionate, and within the limited mandate of providing security, without encroaching upon execution of civil directions.

3. **SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY**

This SOP applies to execution of all types of Commissions issued by competent Courts within the National Capital Territory of Delhi where:

- i. A competent Court appoints a Local Commissioner, and
- ii. Police assistance is directed by the Court in its order.

A '**Commission**' is an order by a competent Court (generally a Civil Court or a superior Court) authorizing a person to conduct local investigation or inspection and submit a report before the Court issuing the '**Commission**'. The person, generally an advocate or any officer of the Court, so authorized is called the '**Local Commissioner**'.

4. **FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE GOVERNING POLICE ASSISTANCE**

Police assistance in such matters shall be governed by the principle that the role of the police is protective and preventive in nature, and neither executory nor participatory. Accordingly, the Local Commissioner shall execute the Commission and Police shall ensure that such execution takes place without any threat to the physical safety of the Local Commissioner.

5. **COORDINATION PROTOCOL**

A. **Prior Assessment and Requisition by the Local Commissioner**

Upon appointment as Local Commissioner by a competent Court, the Local Commissioner shall, prior to proceeding with the execution of the Commission, undertake the following steps:

- i. The Local Commissioner shall submit a formal written requisition for police assistance to the concerned police station, duly accompanied by a legible copy of the Court order appointing him as Local Commissioner and directing its execution.
- ii. The requisition shall contain the following information:
 - a. Full title and number of the case and name of the Court.
 - b. Copy of the Court order appointing the Local Commissioner and directing execution with police assistance/protection.
 - c. Nature, purpose, and scope of the Commission to be executed.
 - d. Complete address and description of the Execution Site.
 - e. Proposed date, time, and estimated duration of execution.
 - f. Identity of the parties and their known or anticipated conduct.
 - g. Specific law and order concerns or threats apprehended at the Execution Site.
 - h. Any previous incidents of obstruction or violence at or near the Execution Site, if known.

B. Responsibilities of the Police Station upon Receipt of Requisition

Upon receipt of a requisition for police assistance from the Local Commissioner, the concerned police station shall act in the following manner:

- i. The SHO shall promptly verify the authenticity of the Court order, the identity of the Local Commissioner.
- ii. The Incharge, Police Team, and all deployed personnel shall be specifically briefed regarding:
 - a. The nature and scope of the Commission and the role of the Local Commissioner.
 - b. The supportive nature of the police role, which entails maintenance of law and order, and prevention of physical harm to the Local Commissioner and does not extend to any interference with the judicial functions of the Local Commissioner.
 - c. The imperative to use only the minimum force necessary, and only when unavoidable, to maintain law and order, need for restraint and neutrality and how to deal with contingencies and seeking reinforcement from District Control Room.
 - d. The requirement to document all incidents of obstruction or resistance but not for the purposes of evidence of the Commission itself.

C. Coordination with Local Commissioner

The Incharge of Police Team shall establish prior contact with the Local Commissioner, and confirm date, time, and place of execution. The Local Commissioner shall be clearly informed that police assistance is limited to security and protection, and Police shall not execute or enforce civil directions beyond maintaining law and order.

6. PROCEDURE DURING EXECUTION-SCENARIOS AND POLICE RESPONSE

The role of the police team during execution is to provide a secure environment for the Local Commissioner and his team so that the proceedings of the Court are carried out without obstruction, threat, or physical harm. The following procedures shall govern the conduct of the Police Team across various scenarios that may arise during execution:

A. General Conduct During Execution

- i. The Local Commissioner shall conduct, supervise, and direct all proceedings pertaining to the execution of the Commission. The police team shall not interfere in, advise upon, or influence the judicial functions of the Local Commissioner in any manner whatsoever.
- ii. Police personnel shall maintain a visible but non-provocative presence at and around the execution site, ensuring that their positioning there acts as a deterrent to potential resistance or aggression.

- iii. The Incharge, police team, shall remain in close physical proximity to the Local Commissioner and shall position other personnel at strategic points to prevent unauthorized access and to monitor the situation.
- iv. As per the situational requirement, the police team may wear body-worn cameras and use their mobile phone for taking photographs and video record of the site, the deployment, and any incidents of obstruction or resistance but not for the purposes of evidence of the Commission itself.
- v. Police personnel shall proactively prevent physical obstruction to movement of the Local Commissioner, intimidation, or coercion or attempts to create hostile crowd or unlawful assembly.

B. Handling Specific Scenarios

- i. Verbal Resistance or Argumentative Behaviour:
Police shall intervene promptly, and issue clear warning against obstruction or resorting to confrontation.
- ii. Physical Obstruction or Attempted Assault:
Police shall immediately intervene to secure the Local Commissioner, remove obstructing persons using lawful means, apprise the concerned SHO, call for additional reinforcement and take action under relevant penal provisions
- iii. Formation of Crowd / Mob Situation:
Police shall disperse unlawful assembly, call for reinforcement, if required and ensure the Local Commissioner is moved to a safe position
- iv. Organized or Anticipated Resistance:
Police shall pre-position adequate force, maintain perimeter control and ensure controlled access to premises.
- v. In case of emergency/Unprecedented Exigency:
If unexpected resistance or disturbance occurs, then Incharge of the Police team shall immediately inform the District Control Room and the concerned SHO, ACP and DCP. Additional police force may be called and deployed, if required.

7. POST-EXECUTION PROCEDURE

After completion:

- i. Safe departure of the Local Commissioner shall be ensured.
- ii. A GD entry shall be recorded regarding completion. The post event GD shall contain facts of deployment details, nature of assistance rendered and any incident or resistance faced.
- iii. In sensitive cases, report shall be forwarded to ACP/DCP, along with copy of the Commission or Court Order, requisition letter from Local Commissioner to the police, and all relevant GD entries.

8. ACCOUNTABILITY AND SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITY

Overall responsibility of ensuring compliance of this SOP lies with the concerned jurisdictional SHO.

9. CONFIDENTIALITY AND CONDUCT

All Police Personnel involved in the proceedings must maintain confidentiality. They must conduct themselves with neutrality, professionalism, and respect for judicial authority.



(SATISH GOLCHHA)
COMMISSIONER OF POLICE:
DELHI.

No. 1351-1500 /Record Branch/PHQ dated Delhi, the 16.05.2026

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9. PS/Reader to C.P., Delhi.
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