

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-44228-2014

Date of decision: 02.07.2015

Raj Rani

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK

Present: Mr. B.S. Pathania, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Anmol Grewal, AAG, Punjab.

RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner, by way of instant petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C., seeks direction against respondents No.1 to 4 to conduct a fair investigation in the case bearing FIR No.135 dated 16.08.2014 under Sections 406, 498-A IPC, registered at Police Station Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur.

Notice of motion was issued and pursuant thereto reply by way of affidavit dated 11.02.2015 has been filed on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Vijay Kumar, Police Station Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur, submits that in view of the averments taken in para 8 of the reply on merits, many raids have been conducted to arrest the accused-respondent No.5, however he could not be arrested, as he was absconding. Thereafter, appropriate proceedings were initiated at the instance of the official respondents No.1 to 4 for declaring respondent No.5 as proclaimed offender. She further submits that the proceedings are now complete and respondent No.5 is likely to be declared

proclaimed offender in the near future. Learned counsel for the State would next contend that the matter shall be taken to the logical end, in accordance with law. However, no further orders are called for in the present case and the same may be disposed of as such.

Faced with the above, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that respondents No.1 to 4 have not conducted an effective investigation. Dowry articles have not been recovered so far. The police authorities are hands in gloves with the accused person. He further submits that petitioner is a poor lady who has been put to unwarranted harassment at the hands of the family members of her in-laws. He concluded by submitting that let present petition be disposed of with an appropriate direction to Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur-respondent No.3 to take appropriate action in the matter.

Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and after careful perusal of the record of the case, present petition is disposed of with a direction to Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur-respondent No.3 to look into the matter, take appropriate and early action, by passing an appropriate order, strictly in accordance with law. Let him take appropriate action within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

With the abovesaid observations made and directions issued, present petition stands disposed of.

[RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK]
JUDGE

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