

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

Date of decision: 12.10.2016

CRM-M 30825 of 2016

Raj Rani

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab & others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. Gaurav Chadha, Advocate, for
Mr. Arun Singla, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Dr. Puneet Kaur Sekhon, Addl. AG, Punjab.

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (ORAL)

This Court vide interim order dated 02.09.2016 considered the claim of the petitioner that the private respondents have got close relations with the Presiding Officer in the criminal case, subject matter of these proceedings and asked for the comments to be obtained by the next date of hearing.

Learned Additional District & Sessions Judge, Ludhiana conducting the case has submitted his comments. He says that he is at a loss to note why such statement has been made against him, which might tend to question his partiality and has, therefore, expressed no objection if the trial is transferred to some other Court of competent jurisdiction. The learned Judge has stated that he has no relation or concern of any type with the private respondents, as the allegations levelled by the applicant against him are totally baseless. He has in his comments briefly explained the important milestones in the case titled 'State of Punjab Vs. Balveer Singh & others' bearing SC No.73 dated 31.08.2016 pending in his Court.

Having read the comments, I have no doubt on the impartiality of the Judge, but in order to make him more comfortable, I would request the learned District & Sessions Judge, Ludhiana to transfer the file of the case to some other Court within the Sessions Division to put an end to the matter. The comments of the learned Additional District & Sessions Judge are accepted.

Accordingly, the instant petition is disposed of. However, this order will not be read as a victory to the petitioner.

Parties to appear before the learned District & Sessions Judge, Ludhiana to receive further orders.

12.10.2016
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[RAJIV NARAIN RAINA]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes

Whether Reportable:

No