

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

**Criminal Misc. No. M-30129 of 2014
Date of Decision:-22.01.2016**

Gurtej Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

1. *Whether reporters of local newspapers may be allowed to see judgment?*
2. *To be referred to reporters or not?*
3. *Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

Present:- Mr. Sukhjit Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurinderjit Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. P.S. Ahluwalia, Advocate for respondents No.5 to 9.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is for issuance of a direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to properly investigate the case FIR No.36, dated 29.05.2014 for offence under Sections 365/368/120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Bhadson, District-Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the daughter of the petitioner, namely, Gursharan Kaur was married with respondent No.4, namely, Sandeep Singh on 17.03.2013. However, after few days of marriage, the in-laws of Gursharan Kaur have started harassing her for bringing less dowry. The behaviour of Sandeep Singh-respondent No.4 was also not good towards her. He further contends that on 13.09.2013, the

petitioner received a information from the in-laws of Gursharan Kaur that his daughter Gursharan Kaur and his son-in-law, namely, Sandeep Singh had gone to Gurudawara Fatehgarh Sahib on 12.09.2013, but they did not come back, for which the matter was reported to the police on 14.09.2013.

Learned counsel for respondents No. 5 to 9 states that the respondents are also equally concerned for whereabouts of Gursharan Kaur and respondent No.4-Sandeep Singh, who is missing since 12.09.2013 and the respondents have been making joint efforts to trace the whereabouts of Gursharan Kaur and respondent No.4-Sandeep Singh.

Learned counsel for the State has already filed reply by way of Sewa Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Circle Nabha, District-Patiala, on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3. As per the said reply, police had enquired the matter and sent search parties at different destinations including the places suggested by the petitioner, but neither the daughter of the petitioner Gursharan Kaur nor his son-in-law Sandeep Singh were traced and the matter is still under the investigation with the police, for which Special Investigation Team(SIT) was constituted by the SSP.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, at this stage, submits that he would be satisfied in case respondent No.2 i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, is directed to monitor the Special Investigation Team(SIT) in order to trace the whereabouts of Gursharan Kaur and respondent No.4-Sandeep Singh.

Accordingly, without commenting upon the merits of the case, present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 i.e.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, to monitor and supervise the Special Investigation Team(SIT), so as to locate the missing persons, namely, Gursharan Kaur and respondent No.4-Sandeep Singh.

22.01.2016

Anjal

(*HARI PAL VERMA*)

JUDGE