

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

CRM M-16713-2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision : 23.01.2019

Harmesh Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI

Present : Mr. K.B.Raheja, Advocate for the petitioner.

RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI, J. (Oral)

The petitioner has preferred the instant petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for issuance of direction to official respondents to file the report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. against private respondent in case FIR No.73 dated 22.03.2018, registered under Sections 376, 354-A, 354-B, 506, 509 IPC, Sections 66-D and 67 of the Information Technology Act and Sections 13 and 23 of the Protection of Children from Sexual offences Act, at Police Station Sadar, Ferozepur District Ferozepur.

By way of amendment Act 2008 (5 of 2009) which was made applicable on 31.03.2009 in Section 173 Cr.P.C, it was obligatory on the part of the investigating agency to complete the investigation within three months from the date on which the information was recorded by the official incharge of the police station with regard to rape on a minor but in the case in hand, nothing has been done inspite of the FIR registered on 22.03.2018.

The instant petition stands disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur, to look into the matter and submit the status report to the concerned Chief Judicial

Magistrate within a period of one month, who will monitor the investigation in accordance with the guidelines laid down by Hon'ble Supreme Court in Lalita Kumari v. Government of U.P. and others; 2013 (4) RCR (Criminal) 979.

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(RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable :	Yes/No