

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

CRM-M-7890-2014

Date of Decision: 11.09.2019

Fauji @ Babloo

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr.Nitin Jain, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr.SPS Tinna, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J.

Present petition has been filed by unfortunate father whose small daughter aged 13 years had gone missing in the year 2012. The police registered FIR No.45 dated 09.02.2013 under Sections 365/328/120-B IPC.

A look at the various orders passed by the court from time to time, it has been noticed that High Court has been monitoring the progress made. On 25.11.2014, Inspector General of Police, Patiala Zone, was directed to personally look into the matter and file status report. Thereafter on 09.02.2015, direction was issued to take it as a case of human trafficking and makes strenuous effort to trace out the girl from all available sources. Thereafter, on 30.03.2015, direction was issued to hand over the investigation to the Special Investigating Team of Anti Human Trafficking Cell, Patiala, headed by Superintendent of Police and comprising of two more officers out of whom one should be at least of the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police. On 30.06.2015, status report was filed by the Superintendent of Police (Investigation), who was also heading the team of Anti Human Trafficking Cell. The officer was directed to appear in person.

On 06.10.2015, the officer did appear before the Court. Thereafter, even the status report was filed by the Special Investigating Team.

Keeping in view the fact that no clue could be found, therefore police was directed to get published missing person report in the print as well as electronic media alongwith photograph of the missing girl continuously for a period of 30 days not only locally but nationwide.

Learned counsel for the State submits that the aforesaid direction has been complied with. He has also informed the Court that a fresh Special Investigating Team has been constituted and prays for time to complete the investigation.

Keeping in view the fact that the present petition is pending for the last 5 years and efforts have been made to trace out the missing girl have remained unsuccessful, therefore, it is considered appropriate to dispose of the petition by directing the Special Investigating Team to conclude its investigation within a period of two months and file report before the competent court.

Disposed of.

11.09.2019
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No