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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: September 24th, 2020

Gurmeet Singh Mann

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. HARMINDER SINGH MADAAN

Present Mr. A.S. Kler, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajai Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab
for respondent Nos. 1 to 7.

Mr. Gurinder Singh Brar, Advocate
for respondent Nos. 8 and 10

Mr. G.S. Sandhu, Advocate for respondent No.9.

HARMINDER SINGH MADAAN, J. (ORAL)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

Petitioner – Gurmeet Singh Mann, aged about 55 years, son of Hakam Singh Mann, resident of Ward No.1, Gidderbaha, Tehsil Gidderbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab, has filed the instant petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. against the respondents - State of Punjab; Director General of Police, Punjab Chandigarh; Deputy Commissioner, Sri Muktsar Sahib; Senior Superintendent of Police, Sri Muktsar Sahib; Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Sri Muktsar Sahib, District Sri Muktsar Sahib; Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sri Muktsar Sahib; Station House Officer,

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Police Station City Gidderbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib; Shri Amrinder Singh @ Raja Warring, S/o Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA), Gidderbaha Constituency, District Sri Muktsar Sahib; Shri Sansar Singh, Chairman Market Committee, Gidderbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib and Sh. Narinder Singh @ Ninder Kaoni, Chairman Zila Parishad, Sri Muktsar Sahib, craving for issuance of a direction to official respondents No. 2 to 7 to fairly investigate the FIR No.167, dated 14.07.2020, registered under Sections 188, 269, 270 and 271 of IPC and Section 3 of Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, at police Station Gidderbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

On getting notice, respondents No.1 to 7 have put in appearance through State counsel, whereas, respondents No. 8, 9 and 10 have put in appearance through their respective Advocates. Reply on behalf of respondent No.9 has been filed, which is taken on record.

As per direction issued by this Court vide order dated 21st August, 2020, Superintendent of Police (Investigation), Sri Muktsar Sahib, has submitted a short report by way of affidavit on behalf of respondent Nos.1, 2, 4, 6 and 7, wherein it has been contended that the FIR in question had been registered by the State itself even prior to filing of the instant petition, this case is now being investigated by Superintendent of Police (Investigation), Sri Muktsar Sahib. As per direction issued by this Court, petitioner was made join investigation recording his statement and taking into possession the documents produced by him. Respondent No.8 – Amrinder Singh @ Raja Warring and respondent No.10 – Narinder Singh @

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Ninder Kaoni and others have been joined in the investigation and their statements have been recorded. Some photographs have been attached with the written reply contending that investigation is being conducted properly and it would be taken to logical conclusion in accordance with law.

Under the circumstances, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petition pending. Therefore, the same is disposed of with direction to Superintendent of Police (Investigation), Sri Muktsar Sahib, to conduct the investigation in fair and impartial manner, without being influenced by the political/financial/social status of any person ensuring that the person(s), who had intentionally violated the protocol/guidelines/instructions with regard to social distancing and wearing of mask during the outbreak of Pandemic COVID-19 are brought to book and dealt with in accordance with law.

September 24th, 2020
Nisha

(H.S. Madaan)
Judge

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