

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

CWP No. 13575 of 2020

Date of Decision: 04.09.2020

Simranjeet Kaur

Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. Chanchal K. Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Sunint Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

The present petition is filed seeking directions for transfer of investigation to a women police officer in FIR No. 199, dated 02nd June, 2020, under Sections 452, 323, 341, 506 read with Section 148 and 149 IPC registered at Police Station Haibowal, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana.

As per the FIR allegations are that the father and brother of the petitioner were given beatings by the accused and even the petitioner was also attacked with an intent of sexual assault. It is further alleged that a case under Section 354, 354-B and 509 IPC is made out.

The grievance is that in view of the allegations the investigation of the case should be handled by a lady officer. The grievance is that in spite of making various representations dated 11th and 19th June, 2020, 25th July, 2020 and 18th August, 2020 to various

authorities, the needful has not been done.

Learned State counsel appearing on advance notice, on instructions said that there is no female officer available in the concerned police station. However, it is stated that the Director General of Police, Punjab shall expeditiously look into the representation and decide the same in accordance with law.

In view of above, the present petition is disposed of. Let, the Director General of Police, Punjab decide the representation and also treat the present writ petition as representation. The decision be taken at the earliest but not later than 09th October, 2020.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE

4th September, 2020

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| 2. Whether reportable | : | Yes / No |