

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

Crl. Misc. M-30232 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 29.9.2020
(Heard through V.C.)

Harmit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. H.C. Arora, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J.

1. The petitioner by way of the instant criminal miscellaneous petition seeks investigation into financial fraud committed by private respondents on the State Government in connivance with the official respondents/DTOs.

2. The petitioner claims to be a social activist and is concerned about the financial irregularity committed during the World Kabbaddi Cup 2011 due to corrupt practices adopted by the private respondents in connivance with concerned officers of the respondent Department. It is alleged that there was a loss of several lakhs of rupees to the State exchequer which required to be investigated. It is argued that buses of the respondents were hired and payments were made whereas in fact no services were provided by the said private respondents.

3. After hearing learned counsel for the parties and perusing the documents annexed with the petition, this court is not inclined to interfere in the said matter. The petitioner after gathering certain information under the RTI in 2011 served a legal notice dated 5.5.2014 for conducting a fair investigation into corrupt practices. Immediately thereafter the petitioner approached this Court by way of filing a Public Interest Litigation in form of Civil Writ Petition No. 11041 of 2014, which was dismissed on 29.5.2014. This Court had observed that the authorities *may of their own* examine the notice served by the petitioner. This order was passed in the presence of the State counsel. For reasons best known to the petitioner, he did not follow up with the authorities concerned and has kept quiet for a period of about six years thereafter. Once this Court has already dismissed the matter and declined to interfere, the petitioner is now seeking to ask for issuance of direction to conduct an investigation which is essentially the same relief as sought by filing the writ petition. The petitioner cannot be permitted to agitate the matter once again and that too after an inordinate and unexplained delay.

4. The petition stands dismissed.

29.9.2020

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
No