

**In The High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-8523-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-23.2.2021

Gaurav Atwal @ Baggi

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Navkiran Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and while refraining from making any expression as regards merits of the case or as regards averments made in the petition, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.4-Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar to look into the matter and to ensure that the matter pertaining to FIR No.15 dated 31.1.2021 registered at Police Station Basti Bawa Khel, District Jalandhar under Sections 307, 120-B, 148 and 149 of Indian Penal Code is got investigated expeditiously in accordance with law, so that a final report is submitted thereafter at the earliest.

It is further directed that during the course of investigation the Investigating Officer shall examine all such evidence/documents/

photographs/CCTV footage as may be produced by the petitioner so as to examine the veracity of the allegations made by the complainant. The Investigating Officer is specifically directed to examine the plea of *alibi* as is being pleaded by the petitioner. While examining the same, the Investigating Officer shall record the statements of all such witnesses, who were allegedly present alongwith the petitioner during the course of the ‘*Mehndi/Vatna*’ ceremony in which the petitioner is stated to be present at the time of occurrence in question.

Respondent No.4-Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar to monitor the investigation specifically pertaining to the plea of *alibi*.

A copy of this order be sent to respondent No.4-Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar and to respondent No.5-S.H.O. Police Station Basti Bawa Khel, District Jalandhar so as to enable them to do the needful expeditiously.

23.2.2021

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**(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge**

Whether speaking /reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No