

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

**CRM-M-10248 of 2021
Date of Decision: 04.03.2021**

Manjit Singh

Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. GPS Randhawa, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. H. S. Multani, 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 under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for directing the official respondents to hand over the investigation of FIR No. 180 dated 24.11.2019, under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station, City Batala to Central Bureau of Investigation or any other independent agency.

As per the pleadings, the accused persons played fraud with the petitioner by stating that a product named as NOVADIC NUT costing Rs.65,000/- per 20 grams proved very effective in the treatment of cancer patients. The grievance raised is that the investigation is not proceeding at an appropriate pace.

Learned counsel for the State, appears on advance notice. On instructions from ASI Bhupender Kumar, submits that out of total five accused, non-bailable warrants for two accused have been issued. With regard to other three accused, the addresses are not complete and they belong to Arunachal Pradesh. It is stated that efforts are being made to get their addresses and to arrest them.

The matter is being investigated, no ground is made out for accepting the prayer of the petitioner for transferring the investigation to some other independent agency.

The petition is dismissed.

However, it is clarified that the petitioner would be at liberty to avail remedies in accordance with law.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE

4th March, 2021
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| 2. Whether reportable | : | Yes / No |