

**111 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH
(through video conferencing)**

CRM-M-17013-2021
Decided on : 23.04.2021

Richa Rani

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & ors.

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Ravish Bansal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.

Prayer in the instant petition is for issuance of appropriate direction to respondent Nos.1 to 3 to take appropriate action against respondent No.4 upon complaints dated 24.11.2020 and 04.02.2021 (Annexures P-1 and P-4) respectively.

Learned counsel submits that respondent No.4, who is estranged husband of the petitioner, had fraudulently forged the signatures of the petitioner on withdrawal vouchers and cheques and thereafter withdrawn the money from the bank wherein he himself was an employee. Learned counsel further submits that during investigation, respondent No.4 had himself not only admitted that there were differences in signatures of the petitioner on the withdrawal vouchers and cheques in question but also that he had redeposited the amount in the account of the complainant. Learned counsel submits that despite complaints dated 24.11.2020 and 04.02.2021 (Annexures P-1 and P-4) respectively having been made to the Sr. Superintendent of Police, Bathinda, the authorities concerned had failed to proceed against the accused under the provisions of law. He further

submits that the petitioner would be satisfied if a direction is issued to Sr. Superintendent of Police, Bathinda to look into the complaint.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

In the wake of the limited prayer of the petitioner, the respondent No.2 i.e. Sr. Superintendent of Police, Bathinda, is directed to look into her grievance and take appropriate steps, if any required, under the provisions of law. However, if respondent No.2 does not find the commission of any cognizable offence as alleged or any substance in the allegations levelled in the representation dated 04.02.2021(Annexure P-4), then the petitioner shall be duly informed as per the parameters laid down by the Supreme Court in *Lalita Kumari v. Government of Uttar Pradesh & Ors.* 2013 (4) RCR (Criminal) 979.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

23.04.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable :	Yes/No