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

CRM-M-35639-2021

Date of decision : 03.09.2021

Vaneet Garg

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL**

Present: Mr. Navjot Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

(Through Video Conferencing)

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**VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)**

Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C. is for issuance of directions to respondent Nos.1 to 5 for carrying out fair, transparent and proper investigation in FIR No.9 dated 23.02.2015 registered under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 and 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station City Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib and to conclude the investigation of the Special Investigation Team constituted by the orders of Inspector General of Police, Bathinda.

With respect to the first prayer for directions to the official

respondents to conduct the fair, transparent and proper investigation in FIR No.9 dated 23.02.2015, learned counsel for the petitioner states that he may be permitted to withdraw the present petition qua this prayer with liberty to avail alternative remedy in accordance with law.

Ordered accordingly.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that although, there are two prayers made in the present petition but he would be limiting the present petition only with respect to second/alternate prayer to the effect that the official respondents be directed to conclude the investigation and submit the report under Section 173 of Cr.P.C. With respect to the same, it has been argued that the present FIR was registered on 23.02.2015 and the provision of Section 173 of Cr.P.C. would show that report is to be submitted on the completion of the investigation without unnecessary delay. In the present case, neither any challan nor any cancellation report has been submitted.

Notice of motion.

On asking of this Court, Mr. Prabhjot Singh Walia, AAG, Punjab, appears and accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents and Mr. Raghav Gulati, Advocate appears on behalf of the complainant.

Learned counsel for the State has submitted that in the present case, the respondents be given one month's time to submit the final report, whether the same be challan or cancellation report.

Learned counsel for the complainant has submitted that he has no objection in case the final report is ordered to be submitted in a

time bound manner.

Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances and the limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the present petition is disposed of with directions to the official respondents to submit the final report, be it challan or cancellation report, as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of one month from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Nothing stated above shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

**03.09.2021**

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**(VIKAS BAHL)  
JUDGE**

**Whether speaking/reasoned:-      Yes/No**

**Whether reportable:-                Yes/No**