

**CRM-M-35497-2020 and
CRM-M-29210-2021(O & M)****JINDER SINGH AND ANOTHERV/S STATE OF PUNJAB ANDOTHERS**

Present:- Mr.Onkar Rai, Advocate for the petitioners

Mr.RanaHarjasdeep Singh, DAG Punjab

Ms.AmritaGarg, Advocate for the complainant

Case heard by video conferencing.

CRM-M-35497-2020

Pursuant to the order dated 06.09.2021, an affidavit dated 29.09.2021, executed by Additional Director General of Police, NRI Wing, Punjab, SAS Nagar, has been filed, which is ordered to be taken on record, with learned counsel for the petitioners also having received a copy thereof.

It is stated in paragraph No.3 of the affidavit that initially Police Stations NRI Bathinda and NRI Ferozepur were a part of NRI Sub-DivisionBathinda, but subsequently, due to some problems faced by the people of Ferozepur District, NRI Police Station Ferozepur was placed in the NRI Zone Ludhiana,thus, there remaining only one NRI Police Station in NRI Sub-DivisionBathinda.Consequently, no Deputy Superintendent of Police has been posted at Bathinda and the NRI Police Station Bathinda is being looked after by the NRI Wing, Patiala, due to which the complaint submitted by Parminder Singh (respondent No.5) was marked to the said Deputy Superintendent of Police at Patiala.

It has next been stated that the investigation in the FIR is being conducted by Assistant Sub-Inspector Baljinder Singh of NRI Police Station, Bathinda and therefore, it has actually not been entrusted to the SP/DSP NRI Wing,

Patiala, after FIR No.3 dated 08.04.2021 was registered at Police Station NRI Bathinda. It has also been stated that prior to the registration of the FIR, the enquiry was marked to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, NRI Sub-Division, Patiala, as he was the supervising officer of the NRI Police Station, Bathinda.

It has further been stated that provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, relating to the preliminary enquiry conducted before the registration of the FIR, as also regards the investigation, after such registration, have duly been followed by the police, with no prejudice caused to the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that in view of the reply filed in CRM-M-35497-2020, the petition has been rendered infructuous and may be disposed of as such.

Ordered accordingly.

CRM-M-29210-2021

As regards this petition, by which the petitioners seek quashing of FIR No. 03 dated 08.04.2021, registered at Police Station NRI, District Bathinda, for the alleged commission of offences punishable under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC, learned counsel for the petitioners seeks time to address arguments.

On his request, adjourned to 07.10.2021.

A photocopy of the order be placed in the file of other connected case.

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JUDGE**