

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

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**CRM-M-35643-2020
Decided on : 15.02.2021**

Veer Singh

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

(Through Video Conferencing)

PRESENT: Mr. Rau P.S. Girwar, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C., *inter alia* seeking issuance of direction to respondents No.2 to 4 for conducting fair investigation and to look into the pending complaint filed by the petitioner as public interest on dated 13.08.2020 (Annexure P-1), which is stated to be pending before respondent No.4.

It has been *inter alia* contended by the learned counsel for the petitioner that a complaint dated 13.08.2020 (Annexure P-1) was made to the Chief Secretary, Punjab along with other officers/officials to probe into the matter, however, despite a huge financial and recruitments scam having come to light in Institute of Hotel Management, Bathinda, the official respondents have failed to fairly investigate the matter and have been turning a blind eye to the same.

On a point query put to the learned counsel for the petitioner, as to his *locus standi* to file the instant petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C., he has submitted that he was a practising advocate and was pursuing the case in public interest.

On the last date of hearing, learned counsel for the petitioner had sought an adjournment to go through the judgment of the Apex Court rendered in **Sanjai Tiwari Vs. The State of Uttar Pradesh and another, 2021(1) RCR (Criminal) 284**, for making out a case in support of his *locus standi* to file the instant petition. However, he has miserably failed to satisfy this Court *qua* his *locus standi*, as he is not even remotely connected, much less, is a victim of the alleged financial scam.

Petition stands dismissed accordingly. However, petitioner is at liberty to avail of alternate remedy as may be available to him in law.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

February 15, 2021

J.Ram

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*

Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*