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

(112)

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Date of Decision:-06.12.2021.

Pukhraj

.....Petitioner

Versus

The State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Gurmandeep Singh Sullar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Praveen Bhadu, AAG, Haryana.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (Oral)

This is a petition under Section 482 of Cr.P.C. for directing the official respondents to constitute a Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by an Officer not below the rank of Deputy Inspector General to investigate into the criminal acts of a gang which is involved in extortion of huge sums of money by honey trapping innocent people, in collusion with some police officials.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has given a representation dated 01.11.2021 to the Director General of Police, Haryana, Panchkula, in which a complaint has been made against five persons, including a lady and it has been detailed that the said gang, in collusion with some police officials, honey traps some persons and thereafter, by threatening them to implicate in false cases, extract huge

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sums of money from them. In the representation, details of the phone calls and the numbers from which the petitioner had received phone calls as well as the detailed incident which had occurred between the petitioner and the lady in question has been detailed. The police officials who had sought to extract money from the petitioner have also been named in the representation. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has made a video recording as well as recorded audio calls in order to *prima facie* prove that there is a gang which is actively honey trapping people in order to extract money from them. Learned counsel for the petitioner has also referred to another FIR i.e. FIR No.354 dated 02.10.2020 (Annexure P-5), which was registered by the same lady in question, by making allegations of wrongful acts done by another person.

The allegations made in the said representation and also in the present petition are grave and very serious, inasmuch as, it shows that even some police officials are involved in honey trapping people and extorting money from them.

In view of the above, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the present petition with a direction to respondent No.1-Director General of Police, Haryana, Panchkula, to mark an inquiry to a Senior Officer not below the rank of Deputy Inspector General, to inquire into the matter as has been detailed by the petitioner and in this process, hear the pleas to be raised by the petitioner and consider the evidence/documents/video recording/statements, which the petitioner would submit before the said Officer and then, take appropriate action, in accordance with law. The Director General of Police, Haryana, Panchkula, is directed to mark the inquiry to the Officer as stated above, within a period of 15 days from the

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date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. The said Officer is directed to give notice to the petitioner and afford an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and after considering the material that will be provided by the petitioner, take an appropriate action, in accordance with law.

Disposed of in view of the above terms.

It is, however, clarified that this Court has not gone into the merits of the case and the action sought to be taken would be after considering the material in the inquiry conducted by the Senior Officer, in accordance with law.

(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

December 06, 2021.

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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:-

Yes/No