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

CRM-M-8105-2022

Date of Decision: April 18, 2022

Poonam Wadhwa

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ**

Present: Mr.Parampreet Singh Paul, Advocate  
for the petitioner.  
Mr.Rakeshinder Singh Sidhu, AAG, Punjab alongwith  
SI Gurwinder Singh.

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**RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J.(ORAL)**

Instant petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. directing respondent No.3 not to hold parallel inquiries in case FIR No.160, dated 31.12.2021, under Sections 304-B, 34 IPC, registered at Police Station City Morinda, District Rupnagar, which is lodged by the petitioner.

It is contended that during pendency of the investigation, one of the accused, namely, Harmanpreet Kaur, sister-in-law of the deceased daughter of the complainant, has filed a representation contending that the allegations against her are totally false and frivolous. He submits that the Investigating Officer, i.e. respondent No.4, started the investigation taking into consideration the representation filed by the accused. The sole grievance of the petitioner is that the procedure adopted by the Investigating Officer is totally in contravention of the judicial precedent of this Court in **Pankaj Kumar @ Panki and others vs State of Punjab and another** 2021(2) RCR (Criminal) 633, wherein this Court has directed that during pendency of the investigation, the representation/request on behalf of the accused for examining his/her innocence could not be entertained by the police and no parallel enquiry shall be initiated. He submits that as per the Mandate of the judgment, the Investigating Officer is to conduct the investigation in accordance with the procedure laid down in Code of Criminal Procedure, however, he is not authorised to entertain the

representation filed by the accused.

This Court had directed the State to file the status report/reply. The same has been filed. The Investigating Officer, SI Gurwinder Singh, is also present in Court.

At the outset, learned State counsel has submitted that the representation of above-named accused has already been considered and filed by the Investigating Officer and the investigation is being done as per law. The Investigating Officer has also affirmed this fact.

In view of the submissions made by learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Gurwinder Singh, the grievance raised by counsel for the petitioner is no more survived. The petition is disposed of with a direction to the State to conclude the investigation strictly by adhering to the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

The petition is disposed of accordingly.

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**JUDGE**

- 1. Whether speaking/reasoned ?**
- 2. Whether reportable ?**

**Yes/No**  
**Yes/No**