

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

Sr. No.111

CRM-M-17219 of 2022

Date of Decision: 26.04.2022

Akwinder Kaur

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANT PARKASH

Present: Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Bawa, Advocate for the petitioner.

SANT PARKASH, J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking issuance of direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to take appropriate legal action against respondents No.4 and 5 by taking cognizance of representation dated 26.10.2021 (Annexure P-2) moved against respondents No.4 to 6.

It is submitted that mother-in-law of the petitioner namely Meeto Devi was possessing the AAY (Antodaya Anna Yojna) Ration Card (Annexure P-1) in her favour issued by competent authority, but she died on 15.06.2021. After the demise of her mother-in-law, the petitioner approached respondent No.4, who is posted as Food Inspector, for transfer of the said Ration Card in her favour, as the same can be transferred in favour of legal heirs of the deceased as per government policy. Meeto Devi had two sons and both of them were predeceased to her and the petitioner is the only legal heir of Meeto Devi. Respondent No.4 did not pay any heed to the request of the petitioner and kept on lingering the matter on one pretext or the other. To her utter surprise, the petitioner came to know that the Ration Card of her mother-in-law has already been transferred in the name of some other person i.e. respondent No.6, who is sister-in-law of

respondent No.5 namely Mukhtiar Singh, who is Depot Holder of his village. The petitioner again approached respondent No.4 and disclosed him about the illegal transfer of Ration Card, but the latter instead of resolving the matter, started threatening the petitioner. Consequently, the petitioner moved a representation (Annexure P-2) to Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, but till date, no action has been taken on the same.

Now, the prayer on behalf of the petitioner is that a direction be issued to the official respondents to decide the representation of the petitioner in an expeditious manner.

Notice of motion restricted to official respondents No.1 to 3 only at this stage.

Mr. Tanvir Joshi, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 and has no objection if an appropriate direction be issued for deciding the representation of the petitioner.

In view of the above, the instant criminal writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala to decide the representation (Annexure P-2) within a period of one month from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

Registry is directed to send a copy of this order along with copy of the petition and above said representation to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala for requisite compliance within the time period granted by this Court.

**(SANT PARKASH)
JUDGE**

26.04.2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No