

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

CRM-M-36420 of 2020 (O&M)

DECIDED ON:6th August, 2022

Satnam Singh

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: None for petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

This petition was filed seeking direction to official respondents to take action against the accused in FIR No.219 dated 25.9.2020, under Sections 409, 420, 120-B IPC and under Section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 13-A of the Punjab Village Common Land Regulation Act, 1961, registered at Police Station City 1 Abohar.

On 20th July, 2022, following order was passed:

"This petition was filed seeking directions to the official respondents to take strict legal action against private respondents (arrayed in the petition) in FIR No. 219, dated 25th September, 2020, under Sections 409, 420 and 120-B Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 13A of the Punjab Village Common Land Regulation Act, 1961, registered at Police Station City 1 Abohar.

Learned State counsel on instructions from SI Davinder Singh submits that respondents No.5 to 12 and 14 were arrested and are on bail. Respondent Nos. 6 and 20 were found innocent and respondent No.17 expired. He submits that matter is being investigated. He further submits that petitioner had made number of complaints including the representation dated 1st October, 2020 annexed with this petition. The contention is that the complaint dated 26th August, 2021 made by the petitioner was looked into by

Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka and the contents were found to be false. Kalendra under Section 66 of the Punjab Police Act, 2007 was filed against the petitioner.

None has appeared on behalf of the petitioner. Similar was the position on the last two dates.

In the interest of justice, list on 6th August, 2022.

In the meantime, let the State file status report."

None has put in appearance on behalf of petitioner for the last three dates. Similar is the position for today.

Learned State counsel relies upon the pleadings of the status report dated 6.8.2022. Para-5 of the same is quoted below:

"That during the investigation conducted so far, while the accused Jallandhar Singh and Manga Singh were found innocent, the incriminating evidence has come on file against the remaining accused. The matter is still under investigation."

The petitioner has an efficacious remedy under the Cr.P.C.

In view of the pleadings in the status report, no further directions are called for.

The petition is disposed of.

However, the petitioner would be at liberty to avail remedy in accordance with law.

Since the main case has been disposed of, the pending application, if any is rendered infructuous.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

6th August, 2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes/No*

Whether reportable *Yes/No*