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

**CRM-M-50330-2021  
Date of Decision: 08.03.2022**

Baljit Singh

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent(s)

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI**

Present: Mr. Vivek Salathia, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. C.L. Pawar, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab

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**Through Video Conferencing**

**JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)**

An affidavit of Sarabjit Singh, PPS, Assistant Inspector General of Police, Litigation, Bureau of Investigation, Punjab, Chandigarh dated 07.03.2022 has been filed through email since the matter is being taken up through video conferencing. A printout of the same is directed to be taken on record.

As per the affidavit a circular has now been issued by the office of Director General of Police, Punjab that henceforth the religion or caste of the accused, victim or witnesses shall not be mentioned in the FIR or other official documents prepared during the course of investigation except where the same is absolutely necessary e.g. in cases related to Section 153-A IPC and Section 295-A IPC etc.

So far as the present case is concerned, learned State counsel has stated on instructions from ASI Madan Lal that in pursuance of the orders passed by this Court on 02.12.2021 the petitioner has already joined investigation and he is fully cooperating with the investigation process and he is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the stand taken by the learned State counsel, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 02.12.2021 is hereby made absolute.

**08.03.2022**  
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**(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)**  
**JUDGE**

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