

105 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-602-2023
Date of Decision: 11.01.2023

KOMPAL GUJRAL @ DIMPEY GUJRAL

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr.Justice Deepak Sibal

Present: M/s Hargun Sandhu and Mr.Keshavam Chaudhari, Advocates
for the petitioner

Deepak Sibal, J. (Oral)

Through the present petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C.
the petitioner seeks issuance of appropriate directions for expeditious
disposal of the application filed by her before the Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Jalandhar (for short – the Magistrate) under Section 156(3) Cr.P.C.

On 01.11.2021 the petitioner had filed an application before the
Magistrate under Section 156(3) Cr.P.C. seeking therein registration of a
criminal case against the accused mentioned therein. On 01.11.2021 itself
the Magistrate called for a status report from the Station House Officer,
Division No.6, Jalandhar (for short – the SHO). However, inspite of
repeated adjournments and opportunities given to the SHO no status report
was filed resulting in delay in the disposal of the petitioner's application. It
is in these circumstances that she has approached this Court through the
instant petition through which the aforesaid relief is pressed.

On 09.01.2023 this Court directed the Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar to file an affidavit in response to the averments made in the petition. In compliance with the directions issued by this Court an affidavit dated 10.01.2023 of the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Investigation), Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar has been filed as per which the officers who were posted as SHOs in the concerned police station have been found negligent for not filing the status report in time in the petitioner's case. Accordingly, they are being departmentally proceeded against. The affidavit further contains an assurance that before the next date of hearing before the Magistrate the required status report shall be filed.

In the light of the above, the present petition has been rendered infructuous and is disposed of as such.

Put up on 27.02.2023 on which date the State shall inform this Court with regard to the status of the afore referred departmental action initiated against the erring officials.

11.01.2023
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(Deepak Sibal)
Judge

Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No