

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

CRM-M-647-2022

Date of decision: 22.05.2023

Balwinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR**Present:** Mr. Rahul Singal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Adhiraj Singh, AAG, Punjab.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.PC seeking direction to respondent Nos.2 to 4 to conduct investigation in a fair manner and enquire into FIR No.165 dated 27.08.2021 under Sections 420/120B and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professions (Regulation) Act, 2014 registered at Police Station Kathu Nangal, District Amritsar-Rural (Annexure P-3).

Learned State counsel has filed the status report/reply dated 20.05.2023 which is taken on record. Copy thereof has been supplied to the counsel for the petitioner. In para No.4 of the status report, it has been stated as under:-

"4. That it is further reported by the respondent No.4 that the respondent No.6 had died on 28.05.2022 and during the investigation, repeated efforts have been made by the investigating officer to arrest respondent No.5 and co-accused Sunil Giri and a number of raids have been conducted at the house of the respondent No.5 to arrest him but he is absconding to avoid arrest. It is further reported that ASI Naresh Kumar had raided at the house of the respondent No.5 vide case diary No.4 dated 30.08.2022, ASI Angrej Singh raided his house vide case diaries No.5 dated 30.08.2022, No.6 dated 15.08.2022, No.7 dated 30.08.2022, No.8 dated 14.10.2022, No.9 dated 25.10.2022 and No.10 dated 31.10.2022, Thereafter, S.I Harjinder Singh had raided his house on 22.02.2023 and 21.04.2023 but he was not found present at his house. It is further reported that the raid has been conducted at the house of co-accused Sunil Kumar alias Giri resident of House No.473, Pole No.62, Hali Kapesara Savalakha Road opposite India Bank, New Delhi by ASI Baljinder Singh and ASI Sarabjit Singh vide G.D No.18 dated 13.05.2023 but the accused could not be arrested. It is further reported that a proclamation has been issued against the respondent No.5 (Manpreet Singh) and co-accused Sunil Kumar alias Giri for 29.07.2023".

Since the police has made their best efforts to arrest respondent No.5-Manpreet Singh and proclamation has also been issued against him and co-accused Sunil Kumar alias Giri for 29.07.2023, therefore, the instant petition has been rendered infructuous.

Disposed of as having become infructuous.

22.05.2023
Parveen kumar

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

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