

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-1152-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision:21.07.2023

Ram Kumar

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- None for the petitioner.

Mr. Anmol Singh Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J.(Oral)

Present petition has been filed seeking directions to respondents No.1 to 3 for handling over the investigation in respect of FIR No.42 dated 07.04.2016 under Section 365 IPC at Police Station Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda to any independent investigating agency as the investigating agency which is investigating the FIR is not conducting the investigation in a manner required.

Learned State counsel on instructions from DSP Buta Singh, submits that initially an SIT was formed to investigate the FIR in question and after investigation cancellation report was submitted but the said cancellation report was not accepted by the competent court of law and directions were given to further investigate the matter.

Learned counsel further submits that after that directions

given to further investigate the matter, the investigation is still pending.

On being asked to specify the reason for not completing the investigation despite lapse of 06 years, no valid justification has come forward except the statement that now the investigation will be completed within a period of two months from today.

In view of the above undertaking given by learned State counsel, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to complete the investigation in a free and fair manner and report be submitted to the competent court of law within a period of two months starting from today and appropriate affidavit be filed qua the compliance of this order before this Court by 30.09.2023.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

21.07.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No