

**Neutral citation No.:2023:PHHC:048762
IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M-20021-2021

Date of Decision: 10.04.2023

Leela Devi

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present: Mr. L.S. Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. I.P.S. Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab.

ANOOP CHITKARA, J.

Petitioner seeks directions to respondent No.2 to entrust investigation in case FIR No.29 dated 07.03.2016 registered at Police Station Meharban, District Ludhiana, under Sections 365 & 120-B IPC, to some high ranking police officer of Police Commissionerate Ludhiana and to ensure free and fair investigation.

Petitioner's counsel submits that he will be contented and satisfied in case investigation is completed within the time bound manner. He further submits that pendency of the investigation is causing lot of mental agony to parents of the deceased and in case, the State has to file a closure report, it is a subject matter of the investigation. However in case they find evidence against suspects or they are able to trace accused, they must bring them to justice.

Given the candid stand of petitioner's counsel, the present petition is disposed of and the concerned Deputy Superintendent of Police is directed to ensure that investigation is completed till 31.07.2023. In case, the State files cancellation report, it shall be permissible for the petitioner to

challenge the same by filing protest petition before the concerned Illaqa Magistrate who shall also give them ample opportunity in this regard. However in case the police launches prosecution against some of the accused and the petitioner is not satisfied qua non-arraigning of some suspicious, in that eventuality, it shall be permissible for him to file separate petition before this Court.

Petition disposed of in the terms mentioned above. Pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/no
Whether reportable?	Yes/no