

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA, CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.: 122

Criminal Miscellaneous No.M-17281 of 2023

Date of Decision: April 25, 2023

Jaspreet Kaur Khurana and another

..... PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

..... RESPONDENT(S)

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CORAM: **HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA**

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PRESENT: - Mr. Sumit Kalyan, Advocate for Mr. Gursimran Singh
Madaan, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Jashandeep Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Ashish Soi, Advocate for respondent No.4.

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Tribhuvan Dahiya, J (Oral)

The present petition has been filed seeking directions for fair and expeditious investigation in case FIR No.22 dated 27.01.2023, under Sections 354, 452, 323, 506, 149 IPC, 1860 and Section 8 of POCSO Act, 2012 (amended 2019), registered at Police Station Dugri, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana (Annexure P-1).

2. Learned State counsel, on instructions from Inspector Madhu Bala, states that the matter is being investigated and SIT has been constituted which is headed by DCP (Investigation). Its report in a sealed cover was placed before a Co-ordinate Bench in case bearing No. CRWP-925-2023, wherein order dated 21.04.2023 was passed, recording the facts as under:

In compliance of the last order, Mr. Harmeet Singh Hundal, DCP (Investigation), Ludhiana, who is heading the SIT, has also placed on record the status report with regard to the investigation conducted so far and the said report of

investigation is kept in a sealed cover as the investigation is at a crucial stage and the matter pertains to “a Juvenile in need of Care and Protection.”

Apart from that, the statement of the alleged-*detenue* Triptjot Kaur has been recorded under Section 164 Cr.P.C., by the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Ludhiana and has been forwarded to this Court. This Court has perused the statement under Section 164 Cr.P.C. The original statement is handed over to Mr. Harmeet Singh Hundal, DCP (Investigation), Ludhiana, in a sealed cover, who shall take action in accordance with law. A photocopy of the statement under Section 164 Cr.P.C. of the alleged *detenue* Triptjot Kaur has been retained on the Court file in a sealed cover.

Mr. Harmeet Singh Hundal, DCP (Investigation), Ludhiana, is directed to submit a detailed status report on the adjourned date.

List on 25.05.2023.

3. Apparently, investigation of the case is under progress and SIT has also been constituted which has been directed to submit a status report also. The matter is pending before the Co-ordinate Bench. In view thereof, no direction needs to be issued by this Court.

4. Disposed of.

(Tribhuvan Dahiya)
Judge

April 25, 2023
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Whether Speaking/ Reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

Yes/ No
Yes/ No