

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-17997-2023

Date of Decision : 18.04.2023

Pritpal Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK KUMAR VERMA

Present : Mr. Prashant Kumar Kapila, Advocate for the petitioner.

ASHOK KUMAR VERMA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for issuance of directions to respondents No.1 to 3 to act in accordance with law upon the complaint dated 07.04.2023 submitted by the petitioner to respondent No.3-Superintendent of Police, Kurukshetra.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that respondents No.8 and 9 are the co-sharers of agricultural land along with the petitioner and they are using police officials i.e. respondents No.4 to 7 as land-grabbing mafia to forcibly dispossess the petitioner from the land in question. Respondents No.4 to 9 are forcibly preventing the petitioner from harvesting the crop sown by him on the land that he has been in possession and threatened the petitioner with dire consequences if he tried to cut the crop in any manner. Respondents No.8 and 9 had also filed a civil suit seeking permanent injunction of the land in question against the petitioner which was dismissed by learned Civil Judge (Senior Division), Kurukshetra vide order dated 18.07.2022. The

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appeal filed by respondents No.8 and 9 had also been dismissed by the 1st Appellate Court vide order dated 12.10.2022. The petitioner has made complaint dated 07.04.2023 (Annexure P-4) to respondent No.3 but till date no action has been taken on the same.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and gone through the paper-book.

A perusal of paper-book shows that in a appeal bearing No.RSA-2436-2022 filed by respondents No.8 and 9 the Coordinate Bench of this Court directed the parties to maintain status quo qua the possession of the land in question. The dispute in question is purely of civil nature which has been given a criminal colour by the petitioner in order to take advantage of relatively quick relief granted in criminal cases in contrast to a civil dispute.

Accordingly, the present petition being devoid of merit is hereby dismissed.

18.04.2023
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(ASHOK KUMAR VERMA)
JUDGE

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