

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

CRM-M No.22883 of 2023
Date of decision: 10th October, 2023

Baljeet Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Chandan S. Rana, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Digvijay Nagpal, Asst. Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The prayer in the instant petition is for issuance of appropriate direction to the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner at the hands of the private respondents, with a further prayer to direct the official respondents to look into the representation dated 19.04.2023 (Annexure P-1) made by the petitioner and to take legal action against the private respondents.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that vide representation (Annexure P-1), respondent No.2 – Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana had been duly intimated about the fraud committed upon the petitioner at the hands of private respondents. However, the authorities concerned had failed to initiate any action against the offenders. Learned counsel contends that despite respondent No.2 having been apprised about the commission of cognizable offence by the

accused persons, the official respondents had failed to proceed against them under the provisions of law. It has been submitted that the official respondents were under a legal obligation to pass an appropriate order on his representation.

3. In the wake of the limited prayer of the petitioner, the petition is disposed of and respondent No.2 i.e. Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana is directed to look into his grievance and take appropriate steps, if any required, under the provisions of law. However, if respondent No.2 does not find the commission of any cognizable offence as alleged or any substance in the allegations levelled in the representation dated 19.04.2023 (Annexure P-1) then the petitioner shall be duly informed as per the parameters laid down by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in ‘*Lalita Kumari v. Government of Uttar Pradesh & Ors.*’ 2013 (4) RCR (Criminal) 979.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

October 10, 2023

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