

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

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CRM-M-33518-2023

Date of decision: 14.07.2023

Partap Singh

....Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present: Mr. Parveen Chauhan, Advocate, for the petitioner.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

1. This is a petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C seeking issuance of directions to the police officials (respondent Nos.2 to 4) to fairly and properly investigate and inquire into case FIR No.57, dated 09.04.2023 under Section 380 IPC, registered at Police Station Nehianwala, District Bathinda (Annexure P-1).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that despite much time having gone by, no progress has been made in the investigation and even the main accused, who is indicated in the FIR, has not been arrested till date. The petitioner has apprehension that the police is trying to shield the accused, i.e. private respondent No.5. The petitioner vide representation dated 12.06.2023 (Annexure P-2) approached the Superintendent of Police, Bathinda for issuance of necessary and appropriate directions in the FIR noticed above.

3. It is submitted that no action has been taken in that regard till

date and the accused are at large and roaming freely.

4. Notice of motion.

On advance notice, Mr. Sanish Girdhar, AAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent-State and waives service.

5. Learned State counsel, on instructions from Sub-Inspector Chet Singh, submits that a raid was conducted on 10.04.2023, but the accused could not be apprehended. It is further submitted that prior permission has to be taken from Senior Officers for conducting a raid out of station and the same is yet to be applied for.

6. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

7. Keeping in view the facts pleaded in this case and the submissions made by respective counsel, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 to consider the representation dated 12.06.2023 (Annexure P-2) moved by the petitioner and decide the same within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

8. This petition is disposed of with the aforesaid directions.

(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

July 14, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes
Whether reportable:	No