

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

(103)

CRM-M-43040-2023

Date of decision: - 02.09.2023

Mangat Rai Bansal

....Petitioner

Versus**State of Punjab and others**

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present:- Mr. S.K. Garg Narwana, Senior Advocate
with Mr. Vishal Garg Narwana, Advocate;
Mr. Nitin Sachdeva, Advocate and
Mr. Nitin Bansal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ferry Sofat, Additional Advocate General, Punjab
for respondents No.1 to 4.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for directing the respondents No.1 to 3 to take action on the complaint dated 29.07.2023 (Annexure P-8).

2. Learned Senior counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in the present case, the petitioner has given a representation/complaint dated 29.07.2023 (Annexure P-8) to the Director General of Police, Punjab, alleging that bribe has been accepted on behalf of a senior police official and has thus prayed that the Director General of Police, Punjab, be directed to get the matter inquired into from a police officer not below the rank of Deputy Inspector General of Police.

3. Learned State counsel appearing on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4 has submitted that the Director General of Police, Punjab has already marked the case to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Mansa, who has further marked the same to the SSP (Headquarters) and the same is now pending.

4. Learned Senior counsel for the petitioner has submitted that since the allegations have been made against an officer of the rank of Superintendent of Police (D), thus, it would be appropriate in case inquiry is conducted by an officer not below the rank of Deputy Inspector General of Police.

5. Learned State counsel appearing on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4 has submitted that they have no objection to the said course of action and that the Director General of Police, Punjab, would mark the inquiry to an officer not below the rank of Deputy Inspector General of Police and the same would be done within a period of 10 days from the date of receipt of certified copy of the present order and the inquiry thereafter would be concluded as expeditiously as possible.

6. Keeping in view the above-said facts and circumstances, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the Director General of Police, Punjab to mark the complaint dated 29.07.2023 (Annexure P-8) to an officer not below the rank of Deputy Inspector General of Police, within a period of 10 days from the date of receipt of certified copy of the present order and the officer to whom the said inquiry is marked is directed to enquire into the matter as expeditiously as possible, preferably, within a period of three months from the date the said inquiry

is marked to him.

7. It is made clear that this Court has not opined on the merits of the case and the inquiry would be conducted independently in accordance with law after associating all the concerned persons.

September 02, 2023
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(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

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