

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-14473-2024
Date of decision: 20.03.2024

Mahesh Gupta and another.....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others....Respondents.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present:- Mr. Tanvir Singh Attariwala, Advocate,
for the petitioners.
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SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)

1. Instant petition under Section 482 Cr.PC has been preferred seeking directions to the official respondents to conduct free and impartial investigation in case FIR (Annexure P-1) under the supervision of a Senior Ranked Gazetted Officer except respondent No. 6. Details of the FIR are as under: -

FIR No.	Dated	Sections	Police Station
198	08.10.2023	420, 120-B IPC	Gobindgarh Mandi, Fatehgarh Sahib

2. It is, *inter alia*, contended by learned counsel for the petitioners that the aforesaid FIR in question was registered by respondent No. 7 and respondent No. 6, who is working as

Superintendent of Police, (Detective), Fatehgarh Sahib, is unnecessarily and illegally pressurizing the petitioners. As such, the petitioners seek free and impartial investigation at Fatehgarh Sahib. For this purpose, they have moved several representations, the latest being Annexure P-8 dated 10.03.2024, moved to the Director General of Police, Punjab-respondent No. 2.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners further contends that for the purpose of the present petition, the petitioners will be satisfied if appropriate directions are issued to respondent No. 2 to consider and dispose of the representation (*supra*) in accordance with the law in an expeditious manner after giving opportunity of personal hearing to them.

4. Notice of motion to the official respondents.

5. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Harpreet Singh, Addl. AG, Punjab, present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State-respondent and submits that the representation (*supra*) moved by the petitioners will be decided in an expeditious manner.

6. Considering the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners and the limited request raised by him, without commenting on the merits of the case, the petition is disposed of with the direction to respondent No. 2-the Director General of Police, Punjab, to consider the averments made in the representation dated

10.03.2024 (Annexure P-8), to dispose of the same expeditiously after giving opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioners and to take action, as warranted, under the provisions of the law.

- 7. Decision so taken be conveyed to the petitioners.
- 8. Disposed of.

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(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |