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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-20383-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 25.04.2024

Charanjit Kaur

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Vikas Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking issuance of direction to respondents No.2 & 3 to conduct a fair and impartial investigation in FIR No.10 dated 26.02.2024 under Section 306 of IPC, registered at Police Station Verowal, District Tarn Taran (Annexure P-1) and to record supplementary statement of the petitioner-complainant in the FIR (supra) and to transfer the investigation of FIR (supra) to any senior police officer as well as to consider and decide the written representation dated 11.04.2024 (Annexure P-4), in a time bound manner.
2. Brief facts of the case are that marriage of daughter of the petitioner, namely Kulwinder Kaur, was solemnized with Satnam Singh about

10 years ago and out of this wedlock, two daughters were born. On 20.02.2024, son-in-law of the petitioner, namely Satnam Singh, on phone call, informed her that Kulwinder Kaur was taken to Civil hospital, after some poisonous substance was consumed by her and he took her back to home. After receiving this information, on 21.02.2024, the petitioner went to meet her daughter in her matrimonial home and she found that her condition is very bad and was taken to Civil Hospital, Tarn Taran, from where she was referred to Guru Nanak Dev Hospital, Amritsar on the same day and her daughter expired on 25.02.2024 during treatment. On the basis of statement of the petitioner, FIR (*supra*) has been registered. It is further contended that during treatment, one Narinder Singh inquired about the incident from daughter of the petitioner and he made a video of the conversation, in which she stated that her husband Satnam Singh gave some medicine in the cold drink. After coming to know about the video, the petitioner obtained it from Narinder Singh and sent the same to Station House Officer, Police Station Verowal, District Tarn Taran-respondent No.3 on his Whatsapp number, on 05.04.2024 and requested for addition of appropriate Section(s) in the FIR (*supra*).

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that grievance raised in the present petition is that in spite of the fact that new evidence, in the shape of video, in which conversation of her daughter is there stating that her husband Satnam Singh gave her some medicine in the cold drink, has surfaced, which according to the petitioner has been forwarded to respondent No.3 on his Whatsapp number, no action is being taken.

4. Per contra, learned State counsel appears on advance notice and on instructions from ASI Baljinder Singh, submits that no such video has been received on Whatsapp number of respondent No.3. He, however, fairly submits that in case any such conversion recorded in the video format is produced before the Investigating Officer, he would record the supplementary statement of the petitioner in this regard and statement of Narinder Singh, who recorded the said video, would also be recorded under Section 161 Cr.P.C.

5. In view of the fair stand taken by learned State counsel, no further directions are required to be issued in the present petition, as grievance raised by the petitioner has substantially been redressed.

6. Present petition is disposed of accordingly.

[HARPREET SINGH BRAR]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No