



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-47412-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 28.11.2024

ANKITA

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN

Present: Mr. S.K. Dahiya, Advocate with
Mr. Shubham Dogra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN, J.

1. Prayer in the present petition is for issuance of directions to official respondents No.2 to 5 to investigate the case bearing FIR No.26 dated 06.05.2023 under Section 354-A IPC and Sections 67 and 67-A of the Information Technology Act, 2000 registered at Police Station Taragarh, District Pathankot.
2. Status report dated 14.10.2024 by way of an affidavit of Sukhjinder Pal Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Rural), District Pathankot filed on behalf of respondents No.1, 3, 4 and 5, is taken on record.
3. As per the status report, the accused approached this Court seeking anticipatory bail, whereby he was granted interim bail vide order dated 22.05.2023 and in compliance of the same, he had joined the investigation on



03.06.2023. However, the said petition bearing No.CRM-M-25946-2023 was finally dismissed being not maintainable on 06.05.2024 as it was observed on the basis of reply filed on behalf of the respondent-State that petitioner was not required since allegations against the petitioner-Sunil Mahajan were stated to be not proved during the investigation.

4. As per the status report, the matter was forwarded to District Attorney (Legal) for his opinion by SSP, Pathankot on 19.04.2023. The District Attorney (Legal) had recommended that proceedings under Section 354-A IPC and Sections 67, 67-A of the Information Technology Act, 2000 be initiated and thereafter, the said FIR No.26 dated 06.05.2023 was registered only on the basis of the aforesaid recommendations.

5. While referring to the status report, learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Manjit Singh has informed that investigation is pending and challan/final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. shall be presented on completion of the investigation. He further undertakes that the said report shall be presented within a period of two months.

6. In view of the aforesaid undertaking, the Investigating Agency shall conclude the investigation within a period of two months from today.

7. The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

8. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand disposed of.

(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE

28.11.2024

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No