

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-52889-2023
DECIDED ON: 10.01.2024

MUKHTIAR SINGH
.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS
.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. Navjeet Singh Malmajra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

1. The jurisdiction of this Court has been invoked under Section 482 Cr.P.C., for directing the respondents to conclude the investigation in a time-bound manner and to present the report under Section 173 Cr.P.C., in FIR No.59 dated 03.04.2023, under Sections 420 and 120-B of IPC, registered at Police Station City Jagraon, District Ludhiana (Annexure P-1).
2. This is one of the glaring example of high-handedness and casual approach adopted by the Investigating Agency, wherein the investigation in an offence under Sections 420 & 120-B of IPC is pending, since April 2023 meaning thereby more than 9 months have been lapsed, but there is no headway made in the investigation so far.
3. This Court is astonished to examine the instant petition, wherein a person has to rush to the Court taking protection under Section 482 Cr.P.C., with a direction that investigation may be speeded up and taken to a logical end, wherein

only two accused namely Malwinder Singh and Sardul Singh are involved and still the investigation is pending.

4. Looking at the nature of the dispute, which pertains to committing fraud and forgery with the applicant/petitioner to the extent of an amount of Rs.1,12,50,000/-, whereby a deal of over a piece of land i.e., 15 kanals 3 marlas has been fraudulently completed during the pendency of civil suit and on that account even the sale deeds have been executed.

5. Notice of motion.

6. On the asking of Court, Mr. Anmol Singh Sandhu, AAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

7. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Ludhiana (Rural) is directed to look into the matter and ensure that investigation in the matter is completed without any further delay preferably within another one month.

8. Learned State counsel undertakes to convey the copy of the order to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Ludhiana (Rural) during the course of the day.

9. Petition stands disposed of the in the aforesaid terms.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

10.01.2024

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>