



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

CRM-M-56034-2024

Date of decision : 11.11.2024

Ranjeet Kaur Chahal and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE

Present: Mr. Aminder Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Gagneshwar Walia, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. The inherent powers of the Court under Section 528 of the Bhartiya Nagrika Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) are invoked by the petitioners, who are accused in FIR No. 148 dated 29.07.2024, registered at Police Station Bhikhi, District Mansa, alleging offences punishable under Sections 420, 406, 120-B IPC.

2. Grievance of the petitioners is that they do not hope and expect investigation in the aforesaid FIR to be conducted in a free and fair manner, due to posting of their daughter-in-law Pushpinder Kaur Inspector (with whom the petitioners have strained relationship) in District Mansa.

3. The petitioners through their counsel have made a representation dated 08.10.2024, vide Annexure P-3, to the Director General of Police, State of Punjab, but to no avail.



4. The prayer made in the aforesaid representation appears to be that investigation in the FIR in question be conducted not in District Mansa, but in any other District of the State, so that free and fair investigation can be conducted.
5. Every accused in a criminal case has right to expect free, fair and expeditious investigation and the police authorities have corresponding duty to conduct free, fair and impartial investigation, without being prejudiced by any extraneous consideration.
6. This Court refrains from entering into merits of the crime against the petitioners and leaves it to the Director General of Police, Punjab, to consider the prayer made in the representation dated 08.10.2024 (Annexure P-3) as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.
7. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

November 11, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No