

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

2024:PHHC:151243



CRM-M No. 57658 of 2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 19.11.2024

Sukhpal Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

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

Present : Mr. Rhythem Bajaj, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. HS Deol, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

The petitioner, who happens to be the complainant, seeks issuance of a direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to carry out investigation in free and fair manner against respondent No.4 in FIR No. 143 dated 22.07.2023 under Sections 420, 465, 468 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code registered at Police Station City-1, Abohar, District Fazilka and also to submit final report after registration of offence in the trial Court despite the said authorities having been informed of commission of cognizable offences.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioner wants action to be taken against respondent No.4 in free, fair and expeditious manner.

3. The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023 provides for ample remedy to the complainants/victims arising out of the cause of non-registration of case as well as non-conduction of investigation in a free, fair and expeditious manner. The provision of Section 156(3) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Section 175 of BNSS) and Section 200 of Code of

Criminal Procedure (Section 223 of BNSS) can very well be invoked by the complainant by filing an application before the Magistrate of the area concerned.

4. In view of the above, this Court declines interference and relegates the complainant to avail the aforesaid remedies before the Magistrate of the area concerned.

5. With these observations, the petition stands disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

19.11.2024

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Whether speaking/reasoned	√Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No√