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

**CRM-M-3276-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision : 20.02.2025**

Subhash Chander

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Abhisar Chaudhary, Advocate, and
Ms. Manisha, Advocate for
Mr. Sandeep Kotla, Advocate for the petitioner.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 528 of Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for directing official respondents to conduct fair and impartial investigation in FIR No.346 dated 22.08.2023, under Sections 120-B, 409, 420, 467, 468 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short 'IPC'), registered at Police Station Israna, District Panipat (P-1) by constituting a special investigating team (SIT) headed by a senior police officer not below the rank of Superintendent of Police or State Crime Branch Haryana or State Vigilance Bureau Haryana. Further prayer is for taking strict action against respondent Nos.4 to 10.

2. Contends, *inter alia*, that respondent Nos.4 to 10 are involved in corrupt practices in Cooperative Bank, Matlauda, and above FIR was registered against them on the basis of complaint made by petitioner. Further contends that no action has been taken by the police till date. Also contends that he made a complaint through



registered post to Lokayukta regarding the ongoing corruption in the Bank and said complaint was disposed off by the Lokayukta, Haryana vide order dated 21.11.2023. Lastly, contends that investigation deserves to be handed over to some independent agency, like Central Bureau of Investigation.

3. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the paper-book.

4. It transpires that on 21.11.2023, learned Lokayukta, Haryana, passed an order on the basis of complaint moved by the petitioner and operative part of the same, reads as under:-

“In view of the above, complaint deserves to be and is hereby closed with the following recommendation:

i) Since there are allegations against certain officials of the society and employees of the bank for committing embezzlement by disbursing loan to dead persons, the Superintendent of Police, Panipat shall monitor the investigation of FIR No. 346 dated 22.6.2023 registered at PS Israna so that the loss caused to the society can be effectually recovered.

ii) The Assistant Registrar, Co operative Societies shall also make an endeavour to get the embezzled amount recovered under the Act or any other law in force.

Let action taken report in this regard be submitted by the competent authority within three months from the date of receipt of copy of this report as required vide Section 17(2) of the Haryana Lokayukta Act, 2002.

With the above, the complaint stands disposed of.

All concerned be informed accordingly.”



5. This Court on 21.01.2025 passed the following order:-

“In view of the order dated 21.11.2023 (P-2), learned counsel for the petitioner seeks time to ascertain about the fate of Complaint/Action Taken Report submitted before Lokayukta, Haryana.

Posted for 20.02.2025.”

6. Today, learned counsel for the petitioner has apprised the Court that in compliance of the above order, no report has been submitted before the Lokayukta, till date.

7. In view of the above, no further directions are required to be issued in the matter at this stage; rather present petition is disposed off with liberty to the petitioner to pursue his remedy before learned Lokayukta in terms of the order dated 21.11.2023 (*supra*).

8. Above observations be not construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case pending before Lokayukta, in any manner.

Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

20.02.2025

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Whether speaking / reasoned :
Whether Reportable :

(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Yes	No
Yes	No