



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

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**CRM-M-29463-2023 (O&M)**

**Date of decision: 20.11.2025**

Jagbir Singh

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

State of Haryana and others

...Respondent(s)

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ**

Present :- Mr. R.S. Kalra, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Dr. (Ms.) Malvika Singh, DAG Haryana.

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**VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)**

1. The instant petition has been filed seeking setting aside of the order dated 03.04.2023 whereby a Special Investigation Team (hereinafter referred to as '*the SIT*') had been constituted under the orders of the Commissioner of Police, Panchkula, to be headed by an officer in the rank of Assistant Commissioner of Police in relation to investigation of case bearing FIR No.215 dated 29.10.2022 registered under Sections 177, 406, 420, 467, 468, 471, 506 read with 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and FIR No.42 dated 23.02.2022 registered under Sections 323, 379, 380, 406, 420, 467, 468, 471, 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, at Police Station Sector-20, Panchkula.
2. Feeling aggrieved of the SIT being headed by junior level officers, the present petition was filed.
3. During the course of various hearings before the Court, it was



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pointed out by the counsel for the parties that in so far as FIR No.42 dated 23.02.2022 registered under Sections 323, 379, 380, 406, 420, 467, 468, 471, 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Sector-20, Panchkula is concerned, the State Police itself submitted, in the proceedings pertaining to anticipatory bail filed by co-accused Nishant Sareen in CRM-M-55282-2022, that the said FIR had been got registered against the petitioner-Jagbir Singh by the persons accused in FIR No.215 dated 29.10.2022 registered under Sections 177, 406, 420, 467, 468, 471, 506 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Sector-20, Panchkula, namely, Vinay Aggarwal, Nishant Sareen and Dr. Komal Khanna so as to pressurize complainant-Jagbir Singh, hence, a cancellation report had since been prepared.

4. It is thus contended by counsel for the petitioner that since the Police had already prepared the cancellation report in FIR No.42 dated 23.02.2022, the grievance of the petitioner with respect to the constitution of SIT for fair investigation in the matter, in relation to the above FIR, does not survive any further. He contends that so far as the investigation in FIR No.215 dated 29.10.2022 is concerned, this Court, through successive orders, assigned the investigation of the FIR to an officer in the rank of ADGP in Haryana. The order dated 07.07.2025 reads thus:-

*“In compliance with the directions issued by this Court vide order dated 28.04.2025, the learned State counsel has today placed on record, in a sealed cover, an affidavit submitted on behalf of the Director General of Police,*



*Haryana. The affidavit contains a list of senior police officers of the rank of Additional Director General of Police, as nominated by the Director General of Police for the purpose of overseeing the investigation in the present case.*

*The sealed cover has been opened, the contents thereof have been perused by the Court and it has been sealed again.*

*It needs to be noticed that FIR No.215 dated 29.10.2022 registered at Police Station Sector 20, Panchkula pertains to extremely serious allegations, which on the face of the record, indicate the operation of an extortion racket allegedly involving impersonation of officials of the Intelligence Bureau and misuse of the State Police apparatus, allegedly with the involvement or facilitation of serving police personnel.*

*Given the nature and gravity of the allegations, and in order to uphold the sanctity and independence of the investigative process – both in fact and in perception – it is imperative that the investigation be entrusted to a senior officer.*

*Accordingly, in the exercise of the inherent jurisdiction of this Court and with a view to ensuring a fair, unbiased, and transparent investigation, it is hereby directed that the investigation of FIR No.215 dated 29.10.2022 shall stand transferred to Sh. Sanjay Kumar, IPS, a senior officer of the rank of Additional Director General of Police, Haryana, whose*



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*name appears in the list furnished to this Court by the Director General of Police, Haryana.*

*Sh. Sanjay Kumar, IPS, shall be at liberty to constitute a fresh Special Investigation Team (SIT) comprising officers of appropriate rank and integrity, to assist him in the conduct of the investigation.*

*It is expected that the investigation shall be carried out in a time bound, fair and independent manner, uninfluenced by any internal or external considerations, and in adherence to the rule of law.*

*Adjourned to 03.09.2025.*

*Meanwhile, the interim order, if any, shall continue till the next date of hearing.*

*A status report with respect to the progress of the investigation shall be submitted before this Court on the next date of hearing.*

*A copy of this order be placed in the file of each connected case.”*

5. It is contended that since the passing of the said order, investigation in the matter is being conducted by the SIT headed by Sh. Sanjay Kumar, IPS. He submits that if above order is maintained, he has no further relief to ask for.

6. The counsel appearing for respondent(s) has no objection to the same.



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7. Learned State counsel submits that they would stand by the cancellation report submitted in FIR No.42 dated 23.02.2022 registered under Sections 323, 379, 380, 406, 420, 467, 468, 471, 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, at Police Station Sector-20, Panchkula and there would be no necessity for the investigation in the said FIR being registered by a separate SIT.

8. Needless to mention that the preparation of a cancellation report would be without prejudice to the rights of the complainant to take all pleas before the competent Court, as per law.

9. The present petition is disposed of confirming the order dated 07.07.2025. The office order dated 03.04.2023 (Annexure P-14), appointing the SIT for investigating in both the FIRs is accordingly set aside and the investigation is directed to be conducted by the SIT headed by the officer as nominated by this Court vide order dated 07.07.2025.

10. With these directions the present petition is ***disposed of***.

11. All pending misc. application(s), if any, stand disposed of.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)  
JUDGE

20.11.2025

Mangal Singh

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No  
Whether reportable : Yes/No