

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

2025:PHHC:089000



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CRM-M-30314-2025 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 21.07.2025.

Mangal Singh

...Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUKHVINDER KAUR

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Present: Mr. Anil Chawla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, DAG, Punjab.

SUKHVINDER KAUR, J. (Oral)

Status report by way of affidavit of Atul Soni, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Khadur Sahib, Camp at Goindwal Sahib, District Tarn Taran, filed on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3, is taken on record.

In the status report, it has been alleged that during the course of investigation, accused Harjinder Singh has been arrested in the present case on 30.05.2022 from whom two sack bags of wheat were recovered and accused Gurmej Singh as well as Gurfateh Singh have been arrested in the present case on 30.05.2022. During investigation, offence under Sections 379 and 120-B of IPC were deleted, vide DDR No.30 dated 20.01.2024, incorporated in Roznamcha at Police Station Goindwal Sahib, District Tarn Taran. During the course of investigation, accused Makhan Singh @

Sulakhan Singh, Gurmeet Singh and Harpal Singh have been arrested in the present case on 25.05.2024 and were released on police bail the offences being bailable in nature.

During the course of investigation, one Mangal Singh moved a representation bearing No.825-DPO dated 01.07.2024 before Senior Superintendent of Police, Tarn Taran for the purpose of conducting fair and impartial investigation pertaining to the present case and enhancing Section 379 of IPC in the present case. In this regard, separate investigation was conducted by then Deputy Superintendent of Police (Headquarters) Tarn Taran and after conducting investigation, it emerged on record that accused have cut down and stolen the wheat crops of the complainant and the Investigating Officer recommended to enhance the offence under Section 379 of IPC in the present case and after taking legal opinion from the District Attorney, Tarn Taran, offence under Section 379 of IPC has been enhanced in the present case, vide DDR No.50 dated 23.04.2025, incorporated in Roznamcha at Police Station Goindwal Sahib.

It was further alleged that during the course of investigation regular raids are being conducted by the local police in order to apprehend accused Makhan Singh @ Sulakhan Singh, Gurmeet Singh and Harpal Singh, but they have intentionally hidden themselves and could not be arrested till date. After arresting the remaining accused and after completion of investigation, the final report under Section 193 of BNSS will be presented before learned Court of Illaqa Magistrate, Khadur Sahib, District Tarn Taran, at the earliest. It has been alleged that the local police is doing its duty as per law and there is no lapse on its part.

Thus, from the perusal of the status report, it emerges that only accused Makhan Singh @ Sulakhan Singh, Gurmeet Singh and Harpal Singh are yet to be apprehended and raids are being conducted for apprehending the aforesaid accused persons. The investigation of the present case is in progress and investigating authorities are making efforts to complete the investigation and for submitting challan before Illaqa Magistrate, after completion of investigation. Investigating Authorities are directed to make diligent efforts to apprehend those accused persons, who are yet to be arrested in the present case and after completion of investigation present the challan before the Illaqa Magistrate, at the earliest.

The present petition is disposed of accordingly.

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

(SUKHVINDER KAUR)
JUDGE

21.07.2025.

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