



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

Sr. No.105**CRM-M-34393-2025 (O&M)****Date of Decision: 04.09.2025**

Satvir Chand

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. Rajiv Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Jastej Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)

The petition has been filed under Section 528 BNSS, 2023, for quashing of FIR No.0224 dated 16.10.2024, registered under Sections 221, 109, 132, 191(3), 190, 303(1) BNSS, 2023, Sections 132 and 134 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, at Police Station Patran, District Patiala.

2. Learned counsel contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case. During Panchayat elections in the State of Punjab on 15.10.2024, there was a polling station at Government Primary School, Karimnagar, District Patiala, where the petitioner had been working as Headmaster for over nine years. There were incidents of violence during the polling and acid was poured into the ballot boxes. The allegation is that a candidate, namely, Gurcharan led the mob to attack the police, in which two of their officials were injured. It is claimed by learned counsel that the petitioner was not present in the School at the relevant time as he had been posted on election duty as Polling Officer at Booth No.29, Village Banwala, District Patiala. He was relieved from there on 15.10.2024 at 11.50 p.m., as



apparent from the relieving report, Annexure P-2. He has no concern with the said incident. A few days later, he came to know that Digital Video Recorder (DVR) installed in his office, carrying CCTV footage of the incident, had been stolen by some police officials. A complaint in that regard was made by him along with mid-day meal cooks and sweeper of the School to the Deputy Commissioner on 18.10.2024.

2.1. Later, he was attacked by some unknown persons on 20.01.2025, and suffered injuries. Although there had been protests for justice in his favour by the Kisan Union, teachers and students in the area on 23/24.01.2025, he was transferred to another school in Dera Baba Nanak on a complaint by Sarpanch on 30.01.2025. The petitioner had to approach this Court by filing CRWP No.2709 of 2025 seeking protection of his life and liberty, wherein the Director General of Police was directed to file status report. On that account the petitioner was falsely implicated in the case.

3. Learned State counsel, however, contends that there is sufficient material against the petitioner which establishes his complicity in the case. After violence during the Panchayat elections on 15.10.2024, re-poll was ordered for 16.10.2024 when the petitioner was present in the School. The CCTV footage was stored in the DVR installed in his office, which had been locked by him. The complaint, dated 18.10.2024, was duly enquired into by the police and statements of the mid-day meal cooks and sweeper were also recorded. They stated their signatures were taken on blank papers. It transpired the story regarding theft of DVR had been concocted by the petitioner. He instead is accused of helping the main accused/Gurcharan who led the mob and threw stones at the police officials. All this got recorded in the CCTV footage which has been destroyed by the petitioner in collusion with the main accused. It was after thorough inquiry that the petitioner was



nominated as an accused. Challan/charge sheet against him has also been presented in the Court on 24.07.2025.

4. In the totality of facts and circumstances aforementioned, it cannot be said the offences alleged are not made out against the petitioner on the face of it. Nor does it appear to be a case of vexatious or *mala fide* implication, as facts in that regard have not been established even *prima facie*. Besides, after investigation the police have presented a charge sheet in Court which is not under challenge.

5. In view thereof, there is no ground to entertain the petition and it stands dismissed.

6. The observations made herein are only for deciding the petition, and the trial Court will decide the case on its own merits uninfluenced by the same.

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

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

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