



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-40929-2019 (O&M)

Date of decision: 10.11.2025

Ravinder Singh Bedi

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Ms. Pavneet Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner(s)
(Legal Aid Counsel).

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. The instant petition has been filed for directing the respondent-State to register a criminal case against the police officials i.e. respondents No.4 to 6 as well as to direct the respondents to return the gold articles of the petitioner.
2. There is no representation on behalf of the petitioner(s). Position was same on the last date of hearing as well. Case pertains to the year 2019 and replies are already received.
3. Tersely, facts of the present case are that petitioner's car met with an accident in Samrala. When police officials were called, they took the petitioner to Police Station. They asked the petitioner to hand over his belongings for medical examination and later forced him to compromised the matter. The matter was compromised, however, the officials refused to



return his belongings.

4. The matter pertains to the year 2019 and the replies in the present case were filed on 16.12.2020 and 03.10.2023. It is also evident that no one had entered appearance on behalf of the petitioner on the last date of hearing as well. The matter is hence being examined on merits by appointing a legal aid counsel to assist this Court on behalf of the petitioner. Ms. Pavneet Kaur, Advocate (PH/10664/2025, Mob. No. 70096-41395), who is present in the Court, is nominated as a Legal Aid Counsel on behalf of the petitioner. She has gone through the paper-book.

5. She contends that as per the case of the petitioner, he alongwith his friend was driving his car make Verna bearing Registration No.PB-10-FA-9645 and when they reached Samrala, another Swift car (white colour) bearing Registration No.PB-10DG-6366, which was coming from wrong side, collided with his car and caused damages on the front side of the car. Both the cars halted due to impact of said collision. Police was called and the petitioner was taken to the Police Station, Samrala. The petitioner was directed to handover all his belongings to the Police officials which included 01 Rado Watch, 01 Gold Chain 6 Tola, 01 Gold Kara 6 Tola, 01 Diamond Ring and another Diamond Ring weighing 12 gm. She contends that the said articles were taken by the Police officials at the time when the petitioner was sent to the Civil Hospital, Samrala for his medical examination. The petitioner was asked to compromise the matter and when the petitioner asked the Police officials for his belongings, the same were not returned to him. Hence, the present petition was filed.



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6. Notice was issued to the respondents on 24.01.2020. Short reply by way of affidavit dated 16.12.2020 of Mr. Jaswinder Singh Chahal, PPS, Dy. Superintendent of Police, Samrala, Police District Khanna, District Ludhiana on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3-State was filed. The relevant extract thereof reads thus:-

“2. That the petitioner on 24.08.2019 was in a badly drunkard condition while driving the car Verna No. PB-10FK-4695 as he was coming from Chandigarh to Ludhiana which colluded with another car make Swift no. PB-10G-6366 which was driven by Avtar Singh son of Darshan Singh, resident of village Manki. That on the same day, medico legal examination of the petitioner was conducted on the request of Harjinder Singh ASI, P.S. Samrala in which it was found that the petitioner was in a badly drunkard condition and was unable to walk straight. Copy of the medical report conducted by the doctors of Civil Hospital, Samrala is Annexure-R-1. That on the same day, the petitioner in presence of his sister Puja Bedi and one relative tendered apology before ASI Harjinder Singh in which he agreed that he will come to Police Station on 25.08.2019. This apology was signed by the petitioner, his sister Puja Bedi and their relative with their respective phone numbers. Copy of the apology is Annexure R-2/T.

3. That again on 28.09.2019, the petitioner came with Avtar Singh with whose car the accident took place and



produced one agreement which was signed by both the petitioner and Avtar Singh which was attested by ASI Harjinder Singh, copy of the same is Annexure-R-3/T.

4. *That on the request of the petitioner and the sister of petitioner and another relative Swaran Singh, the officials of the answering respondent have not registered any case as the petitioner and other car's owner have compromised the matter. Due to compromise, no case was registered against any person.*

5. *That the petitioner has leveled the false allegations upon the officials of the answering respondents regarding the gold items belonging to the petitioner which are mentioned in para no. 2 of the petition. No such gold items belonging to the petitioner were ever taken by the officials of the answering respondents on 24.08.2019. That if such type of belongings were taken by the officials of the answering respondent, why on the next day, the petitioner has not moved any application or made a telephone call to the higher officials of the police department.”*

7. Thereafter, a fresh status report was called for by a Coordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 16.08.2023. In response whereof, short reply by way of affidavit dated 03.10.2023 of Mr. Jaspinder Singh, PPS, Dy. Superintendent of Police, Samrala, Police District Khanna, District Ludhiana on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3-State was filed. Similar reply was filed yet again. In the aforesaid reply, it was also informed by the respondent-



State that the petitioner had as many as 05 other cases registered against him for commission of offences under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 in District Ludhiana and SBS Nagar respectively, the details of the said FIRs are extracted as under:-

- “i) *FIR no.185 dated 13-12-2012, U/s 201, 420, 511, 120 IPC, PS Division No.7 (Vardhman), District Ludhiana.*
- ii) *FIR no. 45 dated 29-04-2016, U/s 420, 385, 503, 509, 506, 34 IPC, P.S. Sadar Nawanshahr, District SBS Nagar.*
- iii) *FIR no. 26 dated 06.04.2017 U/s 420, 406 IPC, P.S. Division No.7, District Ludhiana.*
- iv) *FIR no. 109 dated 16-05-2017, U/s 420, 406, 120-B IPC, P.S. Division No.7, District Ludhiana.*
- v) *FIR no. 290 dated 09-12-2017, U/s 420, 120-B, 506 IPC, P.S. Division No.5, District Ludhiana.”*

8. Learned State counsel re-iterates the submissions advanced in the said reply as well as the affidavit filed on behalf of the respondents extracted above and the same are not reflected here to avoid repetition.

9. I have heard the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respective parties and have examined the documents appended by the petitioner as well as the replies filed on behalf of the respondent-State.

10. Despite the response having been received twice, no counter has been filed.

11. Both the aforesaid replies were filed through different officers



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and at different point in time.

12. At this juncture, hence, this Court has no *prima facie* material to issue any further directions to the respondents. The present petition is accordingly dismissed at this stage with respect to the relief asked for.

13. Liberty is, however, granted to the petitioner to take recourse to his alternative remedies in accordance with law, if so advised.

14. A copy of this order be sent to the High Court Legal Services Committee for information and necessary action.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

10.11.2025

Mangal Singh

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