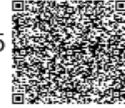
**CRM-M-49607-2025****1****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH****125****CRM-M-49607-2025****Decided on: 29.09.2025****Praveen Kumar****.....Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab and others****.....Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH****Present: Mr. Zenith Dogra, Advocate for the petitioner.****Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab.************SANJAY VASHISTH, J.**

1. Petitioner Praveen Kumar has filed the instant petition under Section 58 of BNSS and Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India, seeking directions to the respondents to ensure a fair investigation in FIR No. 67 dated 08.07.2025, registered under Sections 419, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC, and Section 82 of the Registration Act at Police Station Laduwal, Ludhiana.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner relies upon the Forensic Expert and Consultant Report dated 25.08.2025, submitting that the admitted signatures of Praveen Kumar and the disputed signatures exhibit noticeable dissimilarities in their class and individual handwriting characteristics.

3. It is noticed that the FIR was registered recently, i.e., on 08.07.2025, and the matter is still under investigation. The reliance placed by the petitioner on the report of a private expert cannot be given

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any weight at this stage, as the final outcome of the investigation is still awaited. Moreover, if any such a stage arises, petitioner will have the opportunity to present such evidence in his defence. For these reasons, at this stage, this Court finds no substance in the prayer made by the petitioner for the transfer of the investigation, and accordingly, the same is hereby dismissed.

4. Needless to say that the investigation shall be conducted by the concerned investigating agency in a free and fair manner, without showing any partiality to anyone.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

29.09.2025

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: **YES/NO**
Whether Reportable: **YES/NO**