

2026.PHHC.036218



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRR-525-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: March 10, 2026

PUNEET SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Satjot Singh Chahal, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)

The petition has been filed for setting aside the order dated 24.09.2025, passed by learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Pathankot in case no.CRM-212-2024, whereby the petitioner's application for registration of FIR filed under Section 156(3) Cr.P.C. has been dismissed.

2. The impugned order reads as under:

Learned counsel for applicant has been heard. After going through the contents of the application, it is observed that applicant is required to produce the requisite oral and documentary evidence to show that a prima facie case exists for proceeding against accused for commission of offences under Section 426, 430, 431, 290, 409, 34 and 506 IPC (324(2), 326(a), 326(b), 292, 316(5), 3(5) and 351(2)/(3) BNS). So, the prayer seeking registration of FIR under Section 156(3) Cr.P.C. is declined, rather under Section 210 BNSS (earlier S.190

Cr.P.C.), this application is treated as complaint and complainant is called upon to lead evidence under Section 223 BNSS (earlier S.200 Cr.P.C.). Case is adjourned to 19.11.2025 for preliminary evidence of complainant, at own responsibility.

3. It is a case where the petitioner has failed to produce any oral or documentary evidence to show that a *prima facie* case with respect to the allegations levelled in his application, is made out to issue direction for registration of FIR on his application filed under Section 156(3) Cr.P.C. In these circumstances, learned Magistrate declined to issue the direction and treated his application as a complaint asking him to produce evidence, which is in accordance with law. No interference is called for.

4. Dismissed.

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

March 10, 2026

Jaspreet Kaur

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)

JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*