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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-9147-2024
Decided on: 06.02.2026

Akashdeep Singh and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Ms. Bhumika Khatri, Advocate for
Mr. Hardeep Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vinay Malhotra, DAG Punjab

Mr. Manish Kumar Singla, Advocate
for respondent No. 2

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has filed the instant petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C for quashing of FIR No. 503 dated 29.12.2022, under Sections 406, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 20-B, IPC registered at Police Station Zirakpur, District SAS Nagar Mohali (Annexure P-1) at the instance of respondent No.2-Harjit Singh, who is the father of wife of Akashdeep Singh (petitioner No.1).
2. After hearing the arguments, notice in the present case was issued on 21.02.2024, and thereupon arguments addressed by the petitioner's counsel on different dates were made part of the order dated 30.10.2025, which reads as under:-

“Present: Mr. Hardeep Singh , Advocate
for the petitioners.
Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Senior DAG, Punjab.



*Mr. Manish Kumar Singla, Advocate with
Mr. Parminder Singla, Advocate
for respondent No.2.*

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The actual dispute was matrimonial in nature between petitioner No.1 and Manvir Kaur (daughter of respondent No.2). Despite registration of FIR, investigation in the same was not being completed and the petitioners were put to harassment, and, therefore, by filing of the present petition, quashing of the proceedings were sought by both the petitioners.

Notice was issued to the respondent on 21.02.2024. On 25.04.2025, following order was passed:

1. In the present quashing petition on 05.04.2025, following order was passed:

1. "i) Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the sole basis for registration of FIR is that the petitioners have violated the stay order granted by the Civil Court, actually there is no such stay order on the property in question. Counsel further submits that FIR was registered way back on 29.12.2022 and there being no evidence available against the petitioners, neither the investigation is completed; nor a final report is submitted to the concerned Court. The proceedings are kept alive only to pressurize, harass and humiliate the petitioners. Also submits that the complaint has been moved by father in law of petitioner No.1, who is not aggrieved in any manner. Further submits that it is the father-in law namely; Harjit Singh only, who is after the petitioners as there is a matrimonial dispute between petitioner No.1 and his daughter.

2. Learned State counsel is directed to verify the proceedings, which are there in the civil case and any stay order, if ever passed by the Court of law before registration of FIR.

3. iii) List on 25.04.2025.



4. iv) *To be shown in the urgent list.*”

2. *Learned State counsel submits that as per paragraph No.8 of the status report, investigation has been completed and it had been recommended for its verification/checking on 29.04.2024 i.e. about a year back, but final report has not been submitted.*

3. *In the absence of any specific instructions, learned State counsel is unable to clear the position whether any final decision has been taken or not with regard to the investigation done by the police or any challan submitted or not before the concerned Court.*

4. *The arguing counsel for respondent No.2 is stated to be unwell and an adjournment is requested on his behalf.*

5. *List on 19.05.2025, for final arguments.*

6. *In the meanwhile, State/respondent would file status report or the documents, if any, relied upon from the final investigation done by it.*

7. *To be shown in the urgent list.*

Again, on 09.05.2025, following order was passed:

On the previous date of hearing i.e. on 25.04.2025, by referring to the status report, learned State counsel submits that after completion of the investigation, same had been recommended for its verification/checking on 29.04.2024 and final report is yet to be submitted.

Position is not clear even today. Rather, learned State counsel states that as per his instructions, investigation has again be marked to DSP, Bassi Pathana.

Let the situation be explained by filing an affidavit from the concerned Police Officer/authority, who transferred the investigation to the DSP, Bassi Pathana, along with the reasons for the transfer. Adjourned to 11.07.2025.

Meanwhile, proceedings qua the petitioners in pursuance to the FIR shall remain stayed

After examining the conduct of the police/Investigating Officer, on 12.09.2025, the following observations were made:

i) Looking at the conduct of the police, the proceedings qua the petitioners were ordered to be stayed pursuant to the registration of



the FIR. However, today, learned Senior DAG, Punjab, informs that the investigation is still pending.

ii) By citing the details furnished in the affidavit dated 10.07.2025 by Mr. Shubham Agarwal, IPS, Senior Superintendent of Police, Fatehgarh Sahib, Mr. Hardeep Singh, learned counsel for the petitioner, argues that it is the complainant, Harjeet Singh, who has succeeded in managing and controlling the course of investigation according to his whims and fancies. It is submitted that the investigating agency has been frequently changing its Investigating Officer, thereby giving the impression that it is practically the complainant who is in the driving seat of the investigation.

iii) This Court would like to see the final outcome of the investigation. Therefore, the interim order dated 19.05.2025 is hereby modified to the extent that a final report be prepared within four weeks from today. Furthermore, permission shall be sought from the court concerned before filing the report before it, if such a need arises after completion of the investigation.

iv) List on 30.10.2025.

v) To be shown in urgent list.

Today, learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Sulakhan Singh, submits that after completing the investigation, now the cancellation report has been prepared, after being approved by the District Attorney (Legal), however, same is likely to be presented to the concerned Court within a couple of days.

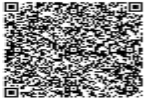
Petitioners' apprehend that if the delay is caused in submitting the cancellation report and also in final adjudication of the same by the learned Area Magistrate, it would be nothing but adding more to the already suffered harassment by the petitioners at the instance of the complainant and Investigating Officer.

Let final decision on the cancellation report be taken by the concerned Magistrate before the next date fixed in the present petition, after its presentation by the State, within period of four weeks from today.

List on 16.12.2025.

To be shown in urgent list.

Copy of the order be forwarded for notice to the concerned



Court/Area Magistrate.”

3. Today at the very outset, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and respondent No. 2 jointly state that after submission of cancellation report, now a final decision has been taken by the Court of learned Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Dera Bassi, whereby cancellation report submitted by the investigating agency has been accepted in the presence of the complainant's counsel.
4. Since the cancellation report has been accepted, the present petition is disposed of as having been rendered infructuous as no further directions are required to be issued for quashing of the FIR.

06.02.2026
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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

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