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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH
(116)

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Date of decision: 16.04.2026

Dr. Sumeet Sofat

..... Petitioner(s)

V/s

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Dr. Sumeet Sofat, petitioner in person (Through VC).

Mr. Harkanwar Jeet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (Oral)

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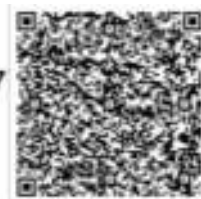
The application for placing on record the order dated 15.01.2026 (Annexure P-2) is allowed as prayed for subject to all just exceptions. The same is taken on record.

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The prayer in the present petition is for deciding the petitioner's long pending representation dated 26.11.2025 (Annexure P-1) by passing a detailed speaking order within two weeks.

2. The petitioner contends that an FIR No. 244/2025 dated 12.10.2025 under Sections 218, 221, 222, 224, 351, 3(5) BNS, Police

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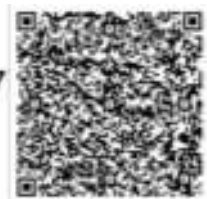
Station Division No.8, Ludhiana has been registered for non-cognizable offences. As per settled law, no such FIR could be registered for which the remedy available was to file a criminal complaint. A representation (Annexure P-1) was moved to the Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana who has not taken any action on the said representation. He, therefore, prays that the said representation be decided.

3. The learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, while referring to the status report dated 26.03.2026 contends that the FIR was registered initially under Sections 218, 221, 222, 224, 351, 3(5) BNS (non-cognizable offences) and offence under Section 132 of BNS, 2023 (cognizable offence) was added thereafter. If the petitioner is aggrieved in any manner by way of registration of the FIR in question, he may avail his remedy of filing a petition seeking quashing of the FIR.

4. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

5. It appears that the petitioner is a chronic litigant. Multiple petitions have been filed on somewhat similar grounds. If the investigating agency was incompetent to register an FIR in view of the fact that the offences were non-cognizable in nature, the petitioner is at liberty to avail his remedies in accordance with law i.e. by way of filing of a quashing petition. The question of deciding the representation (Annexure P-1) by the Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana is hardly the appropriate remedy, particularly, when a cognizable offence i.e. Section 132 BNS, 2023 has been added.

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6. In view of the above, finding no merit in the present petition, the same stands dismissed.

7. The pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of accordingly.

April 16, 2026
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(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

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