

2026:PHHC:027703



**IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M-17452-2017 (O&M)

HDFC BANK LTD.

... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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CRM-M-4941-2020

Date of Decision: 18.02.2026

**RAMAN BHATIA @ RAMAN KUMAR AND
OTHERS**

... Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S. GREWAL.

Present: Mr. Jasdeep Singh Gill, Sr. Advocate with
Ms. Rajni Gupta and Ms. Harleen Kaur,
Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Rishabh Singla, AAG, Punjab assisted by
Gurpreet Singh, S.P., ANTF, Bathinda, the then
Inspector I/C EOW, Bathinda and Inspector
Jaskarandeep Singh, SHO, P.S. City Muktsar.

Mr. Deepak Gupta and Mr. Atul Goyal, Advocate
for respondent No.4.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

CRM-3356-2026 in CRM-M-17452-2017

Allowed as prayed for.

The document Annexure P-14 is ordered to be taken on record subject to all just exceptions. Registry is directed to tag the same at appropriate place of the paper book.

MAIN CASES

Both these petitions are being decided by this common order since similar controversy is involved therein, and they arise out of the same FIR.

These petitions have been filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C. seeking issuance of directions to respondent No.1 for getting a free and fair investigation conducted in FIR No.40 dated 17.03.2013 under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of IPC and Sections 66, 66C and 66D of the I.T. Act, 2000 registered at Police Station City Muktsar, District Muktsar.

At the very outset, learned State Counsel assisted by the abovementioned officers submits that the final report has already been prepared in the matter and the same is in the process of being filed before concerned Court.

On the other hand, learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners submits that the investigation in the matter has not been carried out with due care and diligence. The evidence which has been produced before the I.O./SIT has not been considered at all and the final report has been prepared by the police erroneously. He further submits that the record pertaining to the alleged Will of Mrs. Harjeet Kaur and its probate in the name of the complainant and her brother have not been taken into consideration by the investigating agency/SIT. The said document has been placed on record as Annexure P-14 vide CRM No.3356 of 2026.

Rebutting to the same, learned State Counsel as well as the counsel for the complainant submits that the investigation in the matter has been carried out properly and unbiasedly. However, the learned State Counsel further submits that the investigating agency has never had any objection to consider the documents/materials/evidence which the petitioners claim to be ignored by the investigating agency/SIT.

In view of the above, the instant petitions are disposed of with a direction that the documents/record attached with CRM-3356 of 2026 shall be considered by the investigating agency/SIT as it is the case of the petitioners that their version has not been considered at all while preparing the final report/challan to be presented before the Court. It is further directed that since the petitioners are on bail, they may join the investigation and produce the documents/record/evidence which they deem to be relevant and necessary for the case and the same shall be considered by the investigating agency/SIT and thereafter, fresh final report be prepared in the matter before presenting the same before the concerned Court.

Needful be done within a period of eight weeks of the receipt of certified copy of this order.

Disposed of accordingly.

Photocopy of this order be placed on the file of another connected case.

FEBRUARY 18, 2026.

Rajender

**(H.S. GREWAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No