

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

(146)

CRM-M- 18387 of 2026
Date of Decision: 06.04.2026

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.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGH

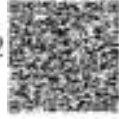
Present: Mr. Amarjeet Singh Prajapati, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Guramrit Kaur, DAG, Punjab.

KIRTI SINGH, J. (ORAL)

1. This petition has been filed under Section 528 of the Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for transferring/handing over the
investigation in case FIR No.203 dated 05.11.2024 under Sections 137(2),
96, 61(2), 64 of BNS (Corresponding Sections 361, 366-A, 120-B, 376 IPC)
and Sections 5 & 6 of POCSO Act registered at Police Station Sultanpur
Lodhi, District Kapurthala (Annexure P-1) to some senior police officer of
another district or to some independent investigating agency.

2. At the very outset, learned counsel for the petitioner has
submitted that the petitioner had got lodged the aforesaid FIR, alleging that
the accused persons had enticed away his minor daughter on the pretext of
marriage. Subsequently, the prosecutrix was recovered and her statement
recorded, whereupon provisions under the POCSO Act were included in the
present case. Specific allegations were also made against the accused
persons in her statement recorded under Section 183 BNSS. It is submitted
that however, till date the investigation is not complete. In this regard a



representation dated 24.02.2026 (Annexure P-4) was also submitted, which too is pending consideration. At this stage, learned counsel seeks to limit his prayer to the extent that the said representation (Annexure P-4) be decided by the concerned officials in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion to the official respondents at this stage only.

4. At the asking of the Court, Ms. Guramrit Kaur, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 4-State and submits that the needful will be done in due course. Let a complete set of the paper-book be supplied to her during the course of the day.

5. In view of the limited prayer made by the petitioner and without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of at this stage with a direction to respondent No. 3 to consider and decide the representation (Annexure P-4) of the petitioner expeditiously and within a time bound manner, by passing a speaking order in accordance with law.

6. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE

April 06, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*
Whether reportable : *Yes/No*