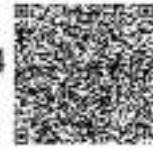


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**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND
HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M-18286-2026 (O&M)
Date of decision : 06.04.2026

Muskan**...Petitioner****Versus****State of Haryana and others****...Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

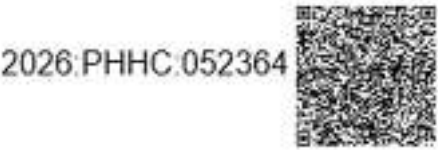
Present:- Mr. Pankaj Kaushik, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Himani Arora, DAG, Haryana.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023 seeking issuance of direction to the official respondents to add appropriate offences in the FIR bearing No. 79 dated 16.03.2026, registered under Section 3(1)(r), 3(1)(s) and 3(2)(va) of the SC/ST Act, 1989 and Section 351(3) of BNS, 2023 at Police Station Mahesh Nagar, Ambala.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that she belongs to scheduled caste community. She was working as Manager in a restaurant, whereby she was subjected to continuous harassment, caste based humiliation, threats and physical abuse at the hands of Mamta Goyal, Ashok Goyal and Adhar Goyal. On her complaint, the aforementioned FIR has been registered against the accused persons. However, the offences relating to outraging the modesty of a woman and subjecting her to sexual harassment have not been invoked.



3. Learned State counsel, who has advance notice of the petition, has submitted that the petition is premature as the FIR has recently been registered and the matter is under investigation. No case is made out to interfere in the same at this stage. Hence, it is urged that the petition is liable to be dismissed.

4. This Court has heard the rival submissions.

5. The FIR in question has been recently registered and the investigation is still at a nascent stage. It is a settled position of law that the scope of judicial interference at the stage of investigation is extremely limited. The investigating agency is competent to examine the allegations in their entirety and to add or alter the penal provisions, if so warranted, based on the material collected during the course of investigation. At this stage, no exceptional circumstances have been pointed out which would justify issuance of directions to the police to incorporate specific offences in the FIR. The petitioner would have adequate remedies available in accordance with law, in case any grievance survives after completion of investigation. Consequently, without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is dismissed being premature.

06.04.2026

Waseem Ansari

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No