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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH**

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Date of Decision:-25.02.2026

RAM KUMAR

.....PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF HARYANA AND ORS

.....RESPONDENTS

**CORAM:-HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI**

Present: Mr. J.C. Malik, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Aditya Pal Singla, AAG, Haryana.

**(THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING)**

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**JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.(ORAL)**

1. The prayer in the present petition under Section 482 of Cr.P.C. read with Article 227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of directions to respondent Nos.1 to 3 to hand over the further investigation of FIR No.1263 dated 10.12.2016 under sections 406 and 420 of IPC registered at Police Station Chandni Bagh, District Panipat (Annexure P-5) to an independent agency.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that wheat meant for the public distribution system has been embezzled by respondent No.5-Ashok Kumar in connivance with the local administration. Respondent No.5-Ashok Kumar is indulging in illegal activities by not supplying wheat under the Public Distribution System but sells the same in the open market. Other FIRs have also been registered against him. The petitioner had sought documents in respect of the aforementioned FIR but was supplied some documents and the same were not legible copies. As the investigation has not been conducted in the fair manner, therefore, the same be



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handed over to an independent agency.

3. The learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, by referring to the reply dated 18.03.2020 contends that the petitioner has no *locus standi* to file the present petition. The FIR in question had been registered at the instance of the District Food and Supply Controller, Panipat. After a detailed investigation, a final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. for the cancellation of the FIR was prepared and the same has been accepted. It has been conclusively found that the ration for November, 2016 has been delivered to the depot holders in full quantity within time. He, therefore, prays that the present petition is liable to be dismissed.

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

5. The relevant extract of the reply dated 18.03.2020 filed by way of an affidavit of Bharti Arora, IPS, Inspector General of Police, Karnal Range, Karnal is as under:-

*That the petitioner has no locus-standi to file the present petition. The FIR in question i.e FIR No. 1263 dated 10.12.2016, under Sections 406, 420 of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Chandni Bagh, Panipat was registered on the application/letter No. ID-2016/5356 dated 29.11.2016 by the then District Food and Supply Controller, Panipat. From the departmental side, an enquiry of the matter involved in the above said FIR was also initiated by the orders of the then Deputy Commissioner, Panipat. The then Deputy CEO (Z.P), Panipat conducted the enquiry vide its report dated 03.01.2017 (Annexure P-4/T). After enquiry the said inquiry officer vide its report dated 03.01.2017 has given the finding that the ration of November-2016 has been delivered to depot holders in its full quantity within time. The inquiry officer has recommended that it would be justified that the concerned department shall drop*



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*the proceeding against the transport contractors. The above said report dated 03.01.2017 (Annexure P-4/T) is self speaking. On the other hand, the investigating agency i.e District Police, Panipat has also conducted a fair investigation and after the said investigation final report under section 173 Cr.PC for the cancelation of the case was prepared on 20.01.2017 (Annexure P-3/T), as no truth was found in the FIR in question. Thereafter, the said cancellation report was submitted before the Ld. Area Magistrate, Panipat on dated 17.02.2020. Sh. Manoj Kumar Rana Ld. ACJM/Area Magistrate, Panipat has accepted the said cancellation report on the same day vide order dated 17.02.2020 and amended order dated 04.03.2020. Copy of the order dated 17.02.2020 and 04.03.2020 are enclosed herewith as, Annexure R-I & R-II.*

6. A perusal of the aforementioned extract would reveal that after a comprehensive investigation, the details of which have been furnished in the reply, a cancellation report was submitted which has been duly accepted after the complainant had appeared in pursuance of a notice issued to him.

7. In view of the above, I find no merit in the present petition. Therefore, the same stands dismissed.

8. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, stand disposed of.

**(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)**  
**JUDGE**

**25.02.2026**  
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| <b><i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i></b> | <b><i>Yes/No</i></b> |
| <b><i>Whether reportable</i></b>        | <b><i>Yes/No</i></b> |