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

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Date of Decision :16.01.2026

Manju Aggarwal and anotherPetitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and OthersRespondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANDEEP PANNU

Present: Mr. Arshdeep Singh Brar, Advocate (Legal Aid Counsel)
alongwith Ms. Manju Aggarwal,
petitioner no.1, in person

Mr. Hardeep Hans, AAG, Punjab

Mr.T.P.S.Bawa, Advocate for respondent no.4

MANDEEP PANNU J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking issuance of directions to respondents No.2 and 3 to take legal action and register an FIR against respondent No.4, namely Rajesh Goswami, Advocate, and further for issuance of directions restraining the official respondents from harassing the petitioners.

2. The case of the petitioners, as set up in the present petition, is that petitioner No.2 and his sister petitioner No.1 are facing trial in a case registered at Gwalior. It is alleged that respondent No.4, an Advocate practising at Gwalior, contacted the petitioners and assured them that he could get the FIR quashed by influencing the judicial process on payment of money. It is alleged that certain amounts were paid to respondent No.4 and that the conversation

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between petitioner No.1 and respondent No.4 was recorded. It is further alleged that despite such payments, respondent No.4 failed to fulfil his promise, leading the petitioners to lodge complaints before various authorities, including the police authorities at Gwalior and Ludhiana, as well as before the Bar Council. Since no FIR was registered, the present petition has been filed invoking the inherent jurisdiction of this Court.

3. Pursuant to notice of motion having been issued vide order dated 04.07.2024, a detailed status report by way of affidavit of Harjinder Singh, PPS, ACP, Ludhiana (South), on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3, has been filed.

4. Learned State counsel, while referring to the status report, submits that on receipt of the complaint of petitioner No.2, a preliminary enquiry was conducted by the ADCP (Industrial Security), Ludhiana. During the enquiry, the allegations, the alleged audio recording, transcript, previous complaints and the payments stated to have been made were examined. The enquiry revealed that the petitioners had already filed a similar complaint before the Gwalior Police, which was entered vide Report No. SP/C5/588/2023 dated 19.02.2023, and no action was taken therein. It was also found that a complaint had been filed before the District Bar Council, Jabalpur, which too was filed without further action.

5. It is further stated that the enquiry report was forwarded to the DA (Legal), Ludhiana, who opined that prima facie offences under Section 420 IPC and Section 7(A) of the Prevention of

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Corruption Act, 1988 were made out. However, the matter was thereafter placed before the Joint Commissioner of Police (Law & Order), Ludhiana, who, upon examination of the entire record, observed that the petitioners had approached multiple forums on identical allegations and that similar complaints already stood dismissed. In view thereof, it was concluded that no further action was required and the complaint was filed on 04.07.2023.

6. Learned State counsel further submits that the petitioners have not pointed out any illegality or perversity in the manner in which the preliminary enquiry was conducted. It is also submitted that no representation filed by the petitioners is presently pending consideration with the police authorities.

7. This Court has considered the submissions and perused the record.

8. A perusal of the status report clearly shows that the complaint of the petitioners was not brushed aside at the threshold. A detailed preliminary enquiry was conducted, the allegations were examined, and the previous complaints filed by the petitioners before the Gwalior Police and the District Bar Council, Jabalpur, were also taken into account. The decision to file the complaint was taken after seeking legal opinion and upon approval by the competent authority.

9. Significantly, during the course of hearing, learned counsel for the petitioners has placed on record a copy of an order passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Ludhiana, which shows that petitioner No.1 has already filed a criminal complaint

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before the said Court and the matter stands adjourned for recording of evidence of the complainant and her witnesses. Thus, the petitioner has already availed the statutory remedy available in law.

10. In view of the categorical stand taken in the status report that no representation of the petitioners is pending with the police authorities as of now, the prayer seeking directions to the official respondents to act on any representation does not survive.

11. This Court also does not find any material on record to substantiate the apprehension of harassment by the official respondents, especially when the complaint has already been filed after due enquiry and the petitioners are pursuing their remedy before the competent Magistrate.

12. In these circumstances, this Court finds no ground to interfere in exercise of inherent jurisdiction under Section 482 Cr.P.C.

13. Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed.

14. Pending application(s), if any, is/are disposed of.

January 16, 2026
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(MANDEEP PANNU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/non-speaking : Speaking
Whether reportable : Yes/No