

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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2026:PHHC:008177



CRM-M-70392-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 21.01.2026.

SARBJIT SINGH

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- None for the petitioner(s).

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed for seeking directions to the respondents to decide the grievance of the petitioner raised by way of a representation dated 03.11.2025 (Annexure P-3).

No one had appeared on behalf of the petitioner on the last date of hearing on 17.12.2025. The matter was accordingly adjourned for today.

Today also, despite case having been called twice, none has chosen to appear on behalf of the petitioner. Hence, the case is being decided on merits.

It is averred in the petition that a complaint was made against

the respondents No.6 and 7 alleging that they had committed a fraud upon the petitioner on the pretext of sending his son abroad and obtained a sum of Rs.5,80,000/-. It is averred that the said respondents had met the petitioner through a common friend namely Harry Sohal. Respondents No.6 and 7 demanded a sum of Rs.13 lakhs from the petitioner and the petitioner paid a sum of Rs.1 lakh each on 09.02.2024, 28.03.2024 and 06.04.2024 by way of bank transfer. A sum of Rs.1,50,000/- was also paid to respondent No.6 in cash against a security cheque in favour of the petitioner. It is averred that a Visa for Dubai had been arranged for the petitioner's son, who flew to Dubai on 01.04.2024 but the immigration authorities at Ahmedabad sent him back to Delhi Airport. It is averred that son of the petitioner thereafter went from Amritsar to Dubai on the assurance given that the Visa would be extended to send him further to Portugal. It is averred that son of the petitioner remained in Dubai for a period of 6-7 months. The petitioner arranged money for a flight for his son from Dubai to India and thereafter the petitioner visited the respondents No.6 and 7, however, nothing was done. It is averred that since no action has been taken by the police, hence, the present petition has been filed.

It is evident that the petitioner has an efficacious remedy available to approach the Illaqa Magistrate by way of a complaint with respect to the redressal of his grievances espoused by him. The remedy under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, is to be exercised when there is no other efficacious remedy available to a person aggrieved and the same is not to be take recourse to as a matter of by-passing the statutory remedy.

Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed at this stage, with liberty to the petitioner to approach the Illaqa Magistrate for redressal of his grievances, if so advised.

January 21, 2026.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No