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he get him a permanent Government Job and that too in Punjab Police, as a result of which, the petitioner along with his parents agreed. Thereafter, respondent No.5 called the petitioner and asked him to come to Mohali for discussion about the job then petitioner along with his father went to Mohali and met respondent No.5 where Pritam Singh was present and respondent No.5 assured the petitioner that he will get a job of Sub Inspector in Punjab Police and demanded Rs.15 lakh from the petitioner and his father. On 10.03.2019, respondent No.5 said that he needs the entire payment in cash, whereas, father of the petitioner expressed his inability to pay such huge amount in one go and told him that he will give money in three installments. The petitioner paid a sum of Rs.2 lakh in cash to respondent No.5. Thereafter, they started putting pressure on the petitioner to pay balance money in cash, on account of which, father of the petitioner borrowed Rs.8 lakh from the maternal aunt of the petitioner and handed over the same to respondent No.5. After some days, on asking of the father of the petitioner that when he will get a job, respondent No.5 told him that joining letter shall reach their home soon and paid Rs.5 lakh to respondent No.5. After a long delay, ultimately on 06.02.2020, the petitioner received joining cum training letter by post and respondent No.5 asked for Rs.5 lakh and told them thereafter, only the petitioner will be able to join his duty. Thereafter, the petitioner contacted respondent No.5 and asked him to accompany him to Phillaur and get his joining done but respondent No.5 made lame excuses upon which the petitioner got suspicious. Thereafter, when he went to academy at Phillaur and shown his joining letter to the officials, he came to know that there is no such recruitment going on in Punjab Police and all the documents are fake and thus, he made a

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representation dated 21.06.2024 (Annexure P-2) to respondent No.2 but no action has been taken so far.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner would be satisfied in case a direction is issued to respondent No.3 to consider and decide the representation dated 21.06.2024 (Annexure P-2) submitted by the petitioner in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion to the official respondents only.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance and accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents-State and copy of the petition has been supplied in the Court.

Keeping in view the prayer made by the petitioner and without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 to consider and decide the representation dated 21.06.2024 (Annexure P-2) submitted by the petitioner and take appropriate steps including grant of any protection to the petitioner in view of the apprehension, if any, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, in accordance with law.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

20.01.2025*Neha*

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