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

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Date of decision : 08.09.2025

Sakuntla and Anr.

..... Petitioners

V/S

State of UT, Chandigarh and Ors.

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. Sandeep Kumar Bhardwaj, Advocate for petitioners.

Mr. Ankur Bali, Addl. PP, UT, Chandigarh.

AMARJOT BHATTI J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioners Sakuntla and Bhaskar Nath filed petition under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking direction to official respondents No.4 and 5 for handing over investigation of FIR No.053 dated 11.06.2024, registered under Sections 302, 201, 498-A of IPC, at Police Station Mauli Jagran, UT, Chandigarh to Respondent No. 2 i.e. State Crime Branch, UT Chandigarh, since the local police has connived with the private respondents No.6 to 9 or any other direction which the court may deem fit and proper in the given facts and circumstances of the case.

2. Learned counsel for petitioners argued that FIR was lodged on the directions of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate Chandigarh. On the complaint filed by the complainant, no proper investigation is carried out by the police. The allegations are specific and serious in nature falling under Sections 498A, 302, 201 of IPC. As no proper action is being taken by the investigating agency,



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therefore, it was prayed that the investigation may be transferred to State Crime Branch, UT Chandigarh.

3. Today, learned counsel representing State has filed status report which is taken on record. Learned counsel representing official respondents pointed out that in compliance to the orders passed by learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Chandigarh dated 24.05.2024, present FIR was registered and investigation was started. Respondent No. 6 - Sachin (wrongly mentioned as respondent No.4) husband of the deceased filed anticipatory bail application which was firstly dismissed on 20.08.2024 and thereafter, he approached this High Court seeking anticipatory bail which was also dismissed vide order dated 18.10.2024 passed in CRM-M-45962-2024. The police conducted raids to apprehend respondent No.6. He was evading his arrest. Finally, respondent No.6 was arrested on 08.07.2025 and was produced before the Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Chandigarh on the next day. The investigation is under progress. There was no credible evidence against other respondents. The investigation is still going on. Report of CFSL regarding mobile phone data is still awaited. It is submitted that proper and fair investigation will be carried out in the matter in controversy.

4. I have considered the aforesaid factual position. The contents of the status report filed by official respondents indicate that investigation is under progress and main accused Sachin i.e. respondent No.6 has been apprehended and he is behind the bars. Regarding other accused, till date, the investigating agency did not find any credible evidence. Other investigation is also going on. Since, proper investigation is being carried out by the investigating agency, no



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further direction is required. The matter in controversy relates to the occurrence of October 2023, therefore, the investigating agency is directed to expedite the investigation as per law.

5. Petition is accordingly disposed of.

6. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

**(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE**

08.09.2025.

Sunil Devi

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No