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AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M-23165-2025
Date of decision: 01.05.2025**

PARMINDER SINGH AND OTHERS

...PETITIONERS

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Sartej Singh Narula, Advocate for
Mr. Ravi Malhotra, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under 528 of BNSS, 2023 seeking directions to official respondent Nos.1 and 2 to transfer the investigation of FIR bearing No.41 dated 12.04.2025 registered under Sections 118(1), 115(2), 3(5) of BNS, 2023 (Section 118(2) of BNS, 2023 added later on) at Police Station Dyalpura, District Bathinda (Annexure P-4) to any other independent agency outside District Bathinda.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners *inter alia* contends that the manner in which, the petitioners have been falsely implicated by manipulating the injuries and they apprehend that the fair investigation into the FIR (*supra*) would not be done as the private respondents are influential people. He further refers to the representation (Annexure P-9) given to the Inspector General of Police and submits that investigation of the case is now entrusted to respondent No.4.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that the



petitioners would be satisfied in case a direction is issued to respondent No.4 to conduct investigation in a free, fair and impartial manner and conclude the same expeditiously, preferably within a period of three months.

4. Mr. Abhinav Gupta, Advocate and Mr. Jatinder Kumar, Advocate put in appearance on behalf of respondent Nos.6 to 13 and files their memo of appearance. The same is taken on record.

5. Learned State counsel appears on advance notice and very fairly submits that the investigation of the case would be taken to its logical conclusion and free and fair investigation would be conducted to rule out the apprehension of any of the stakeholders.

6. Keeping in view the prayer made by the petitioners and without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.4 to investigate the matter in a free, fair and impartial manner and conclude the same expeditiously, within a period of three months, after associating all the parties from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, in accordance with law. The investigating officer would adhere to the guidelines issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in '*Satender Kumar Antil v. CBI*' (2022) 10 SCC 51, and *Arnesh Kumar Vs. State of Bihar* (2014) 8 SCC 273.

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(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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| (i) | Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| (ii) | Whether reportable | Yes/No |