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MANDEEP SINGH AND ANOTHER V/S STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

Present: Mr. Deepak Bhardwaj, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Vaneesh Rai, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Arjun Kapur, Advocate for respondent No.2.

This matter has brought to the fore a glaring and alarming concern regarding registration of FIRs on the basis of complaints received by the NRI Cell in the State of Punjab through emails.

Mr. R.K. Jaiswal, ADGP (NRI), has joined the proceedings through video conferencing and has assisted the Court by submitting that the situation at the grass-root level is extremely bad. It has been highlighted that several women fall victims to the false representation at the time of marriage and subsequently upon migrating to foreign land, they are subjected to grave harassment and atrocities at the end of the husband or in-laws. It is also very fairly submitted that now these disputes and grievances are not restricted to women side but also raised by man's side as well, therefore warrants cautious and balanced approach while dealing with such cases.

After interacting with the concerned officer, this Court is of the considered view that there exist a compelling need to formulate and implement a Standard Operating Procedure and to raise the level of investigation in such cases, where complaints are received by the NRI Cell through e-mail, particularly with regard to the veracity of the allegations levelled and so as to determine whether any offence has been committed within the territorial jurisdiction of this country or not.

The purpose of law is to protect citizens and not to facilitate illegal enrichment. Moreover, citizens are duty-bound to disclose the entire truth, and only the truth. At this stage, the ADGP has assured the Court that the necessary exercise would be undertaken to formulate and implement a Standard Operating Procedure and further undertakes to provide training and sensitizing the police officials with regard to the manner in which basic investigation is to be carried out in such cases. The ADGP seeks time of three months to carry out the said exercise and to place on record the draft of the SOP before this Court.

The ADGP shall be at liberty to constitute a Committee so that inputs from various perspectives may be taken, and the final draft shall be placed on record on the next date of hearing.

In the meantime, whatsoever amount has been received by the complainant in a settlement shall be kept in a Fixed Deposit Receipt and shall not be utilized by her in any manner. The petitioner shall also keep the remaining amount of settlement in the form of Fixed Deposit Receipt, to ensure that, in case a compromise is to be taken forward, the parties do not resile from the terms thereof.

Adjourned to **21.04.2026**.

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

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