

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

CRM-M-10599 of 2015.

Decided on:-03.05.2016.

M/s Paramount Pesticides Limited.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Haryana and another

.....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA.

1. Whether reporters of local newspapers may be allowed to see judgment?
2. To be referred to reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

Present:- Mr. Arun Chandra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ashish Yadav, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

HARI PAL VERMA, J.

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is for quashing the FIR No.87 dated 21.3.2015 under Section 420 IPC and Section 29 of the Insecticides Act, 1968 (fort short, the Act) (Annexure P-3) and all other subsequent proceedings arising therefrom.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has, inter alia, argued that in view of Section 31 of the Act, the FIR in question is not maintainable and is liable to be quashed.

On the other hand, learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Pawan Kumar, has stated that the matter is under investigation.

Heard.

Hon'ble Supreme Court in *State of Karnataka and another Versus Pastor P. Raju 2006(3) RCR (Criminal) 859* has held that the FIR cannot be quashed when the matter is under investigation as it would amount to interference with statutory power of police to conduct investigation. Therefore, this Court feels that the present petition is pre-mature as the matter is still under investigation.

However, without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction that the investigating agency shall consider the plea/material, if any, raised by the petitioner during the course of investigation.

May 03, 2016
Yag Dutt

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE