

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

CRM No.M-9359 of 2016

Date of Decision: March 16, 2016

Som Nath and another

.... Petitioners

vs.

State of Haryana and another

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDIP SINGH

Present: Mr. Randeep S. Dhull, Advocate for
Mr. Sanjeev Majra, Advocate for the petitioners.

- 1. Whether Reporters of Local Newspapers may be allowed to see the judgment?*
- 2. To be referred to the Reporters or not?*
- 3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

Kuldip Singh J.(Oral)

Petitioners seek quashing of the FIR No.207, dated 14.05.2015, under Sections 420, 409, 120-B, 197, 167, 168, 171 and 172 IPC registered at Police Station Indri, Karnal.

It is contended that FIR in question is not maintainable in view of Section 151 of the Electricity Act, 2003 as only a complaint by the competent authority is maintainable.

It comes out that the petitioners have been booked under the various sections of IPC, in which police could investigate the matter without any formal complaint.

In this case, as per contention of learned counsel for the petitioners, the charges have been framed. The said framing of the charges have not been challenged. The petitioners were booked for the aforesaid offences in May 2015 and now after framing of the charges, they seek quashing of the FIR in question. The lower court has applied its mind in framing of the charges. Thus, there is no ground to quash the FIR in question at this stage.

Accordingly, the present petition stands dismissed.

**(KULDIP SINGH)
JUDGE**

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