

THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-26212-2017 (O&M)
Date of Order:20.08.2019.

Puran Sharma and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Munish Puri, Advocate, for the petitioners
Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, AAG, Punjab

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for quashing of FIR No.38, dated 17.04.2015, registered under Sections 3, 4 5 of Immoral Trafficking Act, 1956.

Learned counsel for the petitioners, at the outset, pointed out that in the present case, petitioners are owners and members of the management of the premises i.e. a hotel in which co-accused were allegedly found indulging in activities defined as offence in the Immoral Trafficking Act, 1956. He has pointed out that later on FIR qua those persons was quashed by this Court in CRM-M-35833-2015, decided on 02.05.2017 as the aforesaid accused, namely Simi Devi and Kuldeep Singh were already engaged and later on got married. In the present petition, the prayer is for quashing of FIR qua members of the management and owner of the hotel.

Keeping in view the fact that Simi Devi and Kuldeep Singh have already got married and this Court has found that continuation of criminal proceeding is an abuse of the process of Court, therefore, the

proceedings against the petitioners also cannot continue for the same reason.

Hence, FIR No.38, dated 17.04.2015, registered under Sections 3, 4 5 of Immoral Trafficking Act, 1956 qua petitioners is quashed.

Petition allowed.

August 20, 2019
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:YES/NO
Whether reportable	:YES/NO