

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

CRM-M-25666-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 27.10.2020

Dheeraj Wadhera

... Petitioner

Versus

U.T. Chandigarh & another

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. Om Pal Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. A.M. Punchhi, P.P., U.T. Chandigarh.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL).

Matter has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of the Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Instant petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking quashing of FIR No.150, dated 03.06.2019, under Sections 420/120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Central, Sector-17, Chandigarh on the basis of a settlement dated 03.06.2019 (Annexure P-2) which as per counsel was entered into with the complainant party.

Counsel for the parties have been heard at length.

It may be noticed that FIR came to be lodged on the complaint of Mr. Sharanjit son of Mr. Joginder Singh.

Allegations are that the complainant had established contact with the petitioner who was running a firm under the name and style of 'Career Overseas'. Initially, a sum of Rs.10,000/- and passport of the complainant was taken so as to send him abroad/Europe for study.

Thereafter, an airline ticket was given and which was found to be fake. A further sum of Rs.3 lakhs had also been given on 10.02.2019.

Without even commenting on the veracity of the settlement that may have been arrived at between the parties, in the considered view of this Court, these kind of matters, where innocent people are duped of their hard earned money on the pretext of selling a foreign dream, are on the rise. These are matters which ought to be probed thoroughly.

Faced with a situation where this Court was not inclined to interfere, counsel seeks withdrawal of the petition.

Dismissed as withdrawn.

It is, however, clarified that this Court has not examined the case on merits and it would be open for the petitioner to raise all pleas in defence before the appropriate authority and at the appropriate stage.

27.10.2020*harjeet***(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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