

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

**CRM-M-31638-2020(O&M)
Date of Decision:08.10.2020**

Gurinder Singh and another

..... Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present: Mr.Maninder Singh Bajwa, Advocate for the petitioners.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

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

Instant petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C.seeking quashing of FIR No. 0102 dated 09.07.2020, under Sections 420, 120-B of the IPC, registered at Police Station Harike, District Tarn Taran on the basis of a compromise which as per counsel has been entered into between the parties.

Counsel has been heard at length and pleadings on record have been perused.

FIR came to be registered on the complaint of Davinder Singh/respondent No.2 on the precise allegations that he had paid a sum of Rs. 10 lakhs to the accused party on 05.01.2018 pursuant to Rs. 18 lakhs

having been demanded to facilitate sending son of the complainant abroad i.e. Canada. It has been alleged that the complainant has been duped of such money and his son has not been sent abroad.

On a pointed query having been put to the counsel it stands conceded that both the petitioners who are father and son are running a consultancy service under the name and style of Universal Consultancy, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar.

This Court cannot proceed oblivious of the situation whereby the instances of innocent people being duped by consultancy firms and travel agents of their hard earned money by selling a foreign dream are on the rise.

These are matters which ought to be investigated thoroughly.

In view of the above this Court is not inclined to entertain the instant petition seeking quashing of the FIR lodged against the petitioners who are actually running a consultancy service.

Petition is dismissed.

It is, however, clarified that this Court has not examined the case on merits.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No