

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

118)

CRM-M-37778 of 2020

Date of Decision: 04.12.2020

Vikas Sharma and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present:- Mr. Harpreet Singh, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Amol Rattan Singh, J. (Oral)

All the cases listed today have been taken up for hearing by way of video conferencing because of the situation existing due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

By this petition, filed under the provisions of Section 482 of the Cr.P.C., the petitioner seeks quashing of FIR no.121, dated 09.06.2017, registered at Police Station City Kharar, District Mohali, alleging therein the commission of offences punishable under Sections 342, 363, 366A, 376, 506 of the IPC and under Sections 3 and 4 of the Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (as also consequential proceedings arising out therefrom), on the basis of a compromise stated to have been arrived at between the petitioners and respondent no.2 A copy of the affidavit of respondent no.2 has been annexed as Annexure P-3 with the petition.

Pursuant to the order of this court dated 02.12.2020, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that he has taken instructions to the effect that the applications filed by the petitioners for issuing of passports in the year 2016, were filed away by the passport office in that year itself, on account of the fact that the police report stated that the petitioners were not found to be residing at the their places of residence.

That being so, obviously the petitioners are putting the cart before the horse in going to the police station to check with regard to the status of any passport application or whether they can apply for a passport or not, because the police would not have anything to do with any new applications to be filed and as regards the existing applications, the correct place to determine that would obviously be the

Regional Passport Office concerned.

Consequently, this petition is dismissed.

Naturally, if the petitioners apply for passports afresh, such applications would be considered wholly on their own merits and dealt with as per law by the passport office and the police authorities upon a verification report sought.

04.12.2020
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(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking: Yes
Whether reportable: No