

Date of Decision: 05.12.2023

.....Petitioners

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

Present: Mr. B.S. Sodhi, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. C.L. Pawar, Addl.A.G. Punjab.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU. J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. praying for quashing of FIR No.0020 dated 03.03.2018(**P-3**), registered under Sections 3,4,5 and 5(1)(a) of Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 (for short, '*the Act of 1956*') at Police Station, Singh Bhagwantpur, District Rupnagar along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom.

(2) It is contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that investigating officer was not empowered to conduct the raid, hence entire criminal action is vitiated.

(3) Per contra, learned State counsel, on instructions, submits that out of 10 prosecution witnesses, 07 have already been examined and 03 were given up. Also submits that trial is now pending for recording of defence evidence, if any.

(4) In view of the above, this Court is not inclined to interfere with the matter under Section 482 Cr.P.C. at this stage.

(5) Consequently, the petition is disposed off.

(6) Needless to say that the petitioners would be at liberty to raise their plea(s) in accordance with law.

(7) However, above observation may not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case, in any manner.

(8) Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

Anjal

(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No