

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

CRM-M-21103 of 2020

Date of decision: 11th September, 2023

Brinder Kumar Bansal @ Billa

Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. Sandeep Gahlawat, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Jashanpreet Singh, DAG, Punjab.
Mr. J. S. Bhandohal, Advocate for respondent No. 2.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

1. This petition was filed seeking quashing of FIR No. 178 dated 9.10.2019, under Section 66 of the Information Technology Act, 2000, registered at Police Station City Rupnagar.
2. The FIR was registered at the instance of the then Superintendent, District Jail, Rupnagar. As per the allegations, a video was made viral on social media with regard to sale of narcotics in Jail. The allegations are that the video was prepared by the petitioner who was in custody in District Jail, Rupnagar at the relevant time.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner on instructions submits that even the petitioner is interested that truth should be un-earthed.
4. In view of the instructions, learned counsel for the petitioner is not pressing the petition at this stage with liberty to the avail remedies for redressal of the surviving grievance at the relevant time.

5. The petition is dismissed as not pressed with liberty as prayed for.
6. There is no doubt that considering the seriousness of the allegations and the fact that the FIR is of the year 2019, the police authorities shall ensure expeditious conclusion of the investigation in the FIR.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]

JUDGE

11th September, 2023

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1. Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes / No
2. Whether reportable : Yes / No