

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

CRM-M No.31078 of 2023

Date of decision: 6th July, 2023

Baljit Kaur

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. S.S. Rang, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

Mr. Naginder S. Vashist, Advocate for respondent No.2.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking quashing of FIR No.133 dated 20.06.2022 (Annexure P-13) under Section 174-A IPC registered at Police Station City Rajpura, District Patiala along with order dated 15.05.2019 (Annexure P-12) vide which she was declared a proclaimed offender by the Court of learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Rajpura in complaint bearing No.COMA-128-2018 dated 22.01.2018 under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that subsequent to registration of the FIR in question, the petitioner has deposited the entire amount of the cheque in question i.e. ₹ 80,186/- in the account of the complainant Society, as a result of which the complaint in question stood dismissed as withdrawn vide

order dated 04.07.2023 passed by learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Rajpura on the basis of statement made by the complainant. In support, learned counsel has placed on record copy of the above said order dated 04.07.2023. He submits that in the circumstances, continuation of the FIR (Annexure P-13) and order (Annexure P-12) along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom would not serve any useful purpose, and thus, the same be quashed.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent No.2 does not oppose the prayer and submissions made by the counsel opposite and submits that he has no objection in case the criminal proceedings are quashed.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material on record.

In the light of submissions made by learned counsel representing the parties, together with the fact that since the original complaint already stands dismissed as withdrawn, this Court deems it appropriate to quash the criminal proceedings in the instant case. Accordingly, the petition is allowed, and the FIR (Annexure P-1) and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom including order (Annexure P-12), are quashed.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

July 6, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No