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

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CRM-M-35105-2023
Date of Decision : **December 19, 2023**

PIARA SINGH

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present : None for the petitioner.

Mr. P.S.Grewal, DAG, Punjab.

KULDEEP TIWARI. J.(Oral)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No.188 dated 8.8.2019, (Annexure P-3) under Section 174-A IPC, registered at Police Station City, Rajpura and all other subsequent proceedings arising out thereto.

2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that subsequent to registration of the FIR in question, the parties had settled their differences and arrived at an amicable settlement, as a result of which the complaint under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 stood withdrawn by the complainant. In support, learned counsel has drawn the attention of this Court to the order dated 10.7.2021 passed by the Presiding Officer, National Lok Adalat. He submits that in the circumstances, continuation of the FIR (Annexure P-3) and subsequent proceedings

arising therefrom would not serve any useful purpose, and thus, the same be quashed.

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

4. In the light of submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner together with the fact that since the original complaint already stands withdrawn, this Court deems it appropriate to quash the criminal proceedings in the instant case.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-3) and all subsequent proceedings arising out of it, are quashed.

(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned.	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable.	:	Yes/No