

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

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CRM-M-38246-2019
Date of decision: 14.02.2023

JITENDER SINGH @ JITU

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Sansar Kundu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Tanuj Sharma, AAG, Haryana.

AMAN CHAUDHARY. J.

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing the FIR No. 336 dated 22.09.2018 under Section 174-A IPC, 1860 registered at Police Station Civil Line Jind, District Jind.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that a complaint under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act was filed against the petitioner wherein he was initially declared proclaimed person vide order dated 04.12.2017 (Annexure P-1) He appeared before the learned trial Court on 05.02.2018 and furnished his surety bonds, copy of order annexed as annexure P-2. The matter thereafter was amicably settled between the complainant and the petitioner on the basis of the compromise, whereon the complaint filed by Ravi Arora and the complainant was dismissed as withdrawn before the Lok Adalat vide order dated 10.02.2018, Annexure P-3. However, pursuant to the petitioner having declared as proclaimed person, FIR under Section 174-A was registered against him on 22.09.2018. He further submits that once the matter in itself stands withdrawn by

way of compromise as also the petitioner having appeared before the learned trial Court on 05.02.2018 and he was admitted on bail, the continuation of the proceedings of the FIR would be an abuse of process of the Court.

Learned State counsel has no objection to the prayer made in view of the compromise.

Heard.

Admittedly, the parties have compromised the matter and consequently, the complaint under Section 138 of the N.I. Act itself was ordered to be withdrawn by the Court on 10.02.2018. The petitioner had also surrendered before the trial Court on 05.02.2018 and was enlarged on bail.

In similar set of facts and circumstances, while referring to the judgments of this Court in *Microqual Techno R.C.R. (Criminal) 790*; *Rajneesh Khanna v. State of Haryana and another*, 2017 (3) L.A.R. 555 and CRM-M32612 of 2020, *Surender Singh v. State of Haryana and another* decided 12.01.2021, this Court in the case of **“Murli Jha vs State of Haryana”, 2021(3) R.C.R.(Criminal)563**”, quashed the proceedings initiated under Section 174-A IPC by observing that, “I have considered the rival submissions of the parties. The FIR is an outcome of the order declaring the petitioner as a proclaimed person in proceedings initiated under section 138 of NI Act which stands settled, the complaint has been withdrawn and the proceedings against the accused petitioner were dropped. In such circumstances, the continuation of prosecution under Section 174-A IPC in pursuance to orders passed by the trial Court cannot be permitted to continue. ”

In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case and the decisions referred to hereinabove, this Court finds that the continuation of proceedings against the petitioner pursuant to FIR in question, would be an abuse

of process of law. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and FIR No. 336 dated 22.09.2018 under Section 174-A IPC, 1860 registered at Police Station Civil Line Jind, District Jind, is quashed.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

February 14, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No