

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

CRM-M No.53088 of 2023
Date of decision: 18th October, 2023

Mahesh Kumar @ Ramesh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana & another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Ashok K. Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No.0485 dated 05.06.2022 (Annexure P-1) under Section 174-A IPC registered at Police Station Assandh, District Karnal along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom.

2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that subsequent to registration of the FIR in question, the parties had ironed out 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amicable settlement, as a result of which the complaint under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 stood withdrawn by the complainant.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 20.04.2023 (Annexure P-10) passed by learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Karnal. He submits that in the circumstances, continuation of the

FIR (Annexure P-1) and consequential 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by learned counsel representing the petitioner together with the fact that since the original complaint already stands withdrawn, this Court deems it appropriate to quash the criminal proceedings in the instant case.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-1) and all consequential proceedings arising out of it, are quashed.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

October 18, 2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No