

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

CRM-M No.62688 of 2023
Date of decision: 16th December, 2023

Rinku @ Rinku Saini

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Wazir Singh, 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.1071 dated 03.12.2017 (Annexure P-3) under Section 174-A IPC registered at Police Station Model Town, Panipat, District Panipat along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom including order dated 19.07.2017 (Annexure P-2) declaring the petitioner to be a proclaimed person in complaint No.NACT-683/2016 filed under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that subsequent to registration of the FIR in question, with the intervention of well-wishers and respectables, the parties had ironed out their differences and arrived at an amicable settlement, as a result of which an application for compounding of the offence was moved jointly by the parties, which was allowed by the National Lok Adalat, Panipat

vide order dated 08.02.2020 and the petitioner had been acquitted of the charges. Learned counsel submits that in the circumstances, continuation of the FIR (Annexure P-3) and consequential proceedings arising therefrom would not serve any useful purpose, and thus, the same be quashed.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of Court, Mr. Gurmeet Singh, Asst. Advocate General, Haryana, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent/State.

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

6. In the light of submissions made by learned counsel representing the petitioner together with the fact that he has been acquitted of the charges by the National Lok Adalat, 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 consequential proceedings arising out of it including order (Annexure P-2), are hereby quashed.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

December 16, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No