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

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CRM-M-1579-2024
Date of Decision : March 22, 2024

MANDEEP SINGH DHILLON

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANR

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present : Mr. Varun Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Pardeep Bajaj, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Piyush Aggarwal, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (Oral)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No. 3 dated 7.1.2023, under Section 174-A IPC, registered at Police Station Division C, Police Commissionerate Amritsar against the petitioner in view of order dated 18.10.2022 (Annexure P-1) passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Amritsar in complaint bearing No.NACT-3486 of 2018 titled as “Gulshan Kumar Vs. Mandeep Singh Dhillon” under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, whereby the petitioner was declared as a proclaimed person.
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Instruments Act, 1881 stood withdrawn by the complainant.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 appearing for the petitioner has drawn the attention of this Court to the statement dated 15.6.2023, suffered before the the learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Amritsar. He submits that in these circumstances, continuation of the FIR (Annexure P-2) and the order (Annexure P-1), besides all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom, would not serve any useful purpose, and thus, the same be quashed.

3. This Court has heard learned counsel for the parties concerned, and has 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by learned counsel representing the petitioner, together with the fact that since the original complaint already stands withdrawn, this Court deems it fit and appropriate to quash the criminal proceedings in the instant case. Accordingly, the petition is **allowed** and the FIR (Annexure P-2) and the order (Annexure P-1), along with all consequential proceedings arising out of it, are, hereby, quashed.

(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

March 22, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned.	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable.	:	Yes/No