

129 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-20211-2024
Decided on : 24.04.2024

Gauri Shankar

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and another

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. S.S.Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.(Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No.944 dated 20.10.2022 (Annexure P-3) under Section 174-A IPC registered at Police Station Civil Lines, Sirsa District Sirsa and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, at the outset, has drawn the attention of this Court to order dated 21.10.2022 (Annexure P-4) wherein it stands reflected that the complaint under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (for short, 'the NI Act') stands withdrawn by the complainant. A prayer, therefore, has been made that in the aforementioned facts and circumstances, no purpose would be served by prosecuting the petitioner under Section 174-A IPC, more so, when he was not involved in any other criminal case much less under Section 138 of the NI Act nor had he been declared a proclaimed offender prior thereto in any other case. In support of his submissions,

learned counsel has placed reliance upon the judgment of this Court in ***Sher Singh vs. State of Haryana (CRM-M-11846-2023) decided on 09.03.2023.***

3. 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learned counsel representing the petitioner together with the fact that complaint under Section 138 of the Act stands withdrawn, this Court deems it appropriate to quash the criminal proceedings in the instant case.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 consequential proceedings arising out of it, are quashed.

24.04.2024
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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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