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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-26150-2020 (O & M)
Date of decision: 20.11.2024

PARAMJIT KAUR AND ANOTHER

...PETITIONERS

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Rajnish K. Gupta, Advocate and
Mr. Sachin, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Nitesh Sharma, DAG, Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking quashing of FIR No.0044 dated 21.07.2020 registered under Sections 406/498-A of IPC at Police Station Women, District Patiala (Annexure P-5/T) and all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners *inter alia* contends that the petitioners are the married sisters-in-law of the complainant, who got married in the year 1997 and 2001 respectively, long before the marriage of the complainant with their brother on 14.04.2014 and they have been entangled only for the reason that they are the married sisters-in-law.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioners wishes to withdraw the present petition and seeks liberty to raise all the pleas taken in the present petition, at the appropriate stage, during the course of trial and confines his prayer to the extent that petitioners are household ladies and attending the trial on each and every date would cause great inconvenience and hardship to them.

4. The instant petition is dismissed as withdrawn with the liberty as prayed for. However, in view of the ratio laid down by this Court in *CRM-M-25963-2023* titled as 'Suresh Kumar and another Vs. The State of Haryana and another' 2023 (2) *Law Herald* 1498, the personal appearance of the petitioners before the learned trial Court is ordered to be exempted, subject to the following conditions:-

- i) petitioners shall be represented through their counsel;
- ii) shall not delay/stall the trial proceedings;
- iii) shall not dispute their identity as accused;
- iv) shall have no objection if the prosecution evidence is recorded in their absence but in the presence of their counsel;
- v) shall appear before the trial Court as and when required; and
- vi) any other condition, which the trial Court may impose.

November 20, 2024
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(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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| (i) | Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| (ii) | Whether reportable | Yes/No |