



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M No.52446 of 2024
Date of decision: 18.11.2024

GAURAV SOOD**.... Petitioner**

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND ANOTHER**.... Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present : Mr. Yatin Mehta, Advocate for
Mr. Aditya Jain, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Arjun Lakhanpal, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (oral)

1. The petitioner is seeking quashing of order dated 21.09.2024 passed in CIS No. CRA/250/2020 dated 18.12.2020 titled as *Gaurav Kumar and another vs. M/s Palak Steels and others*, whereby, the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge/First Appellate Court, Faridabad had appointed Legal Aid Counsel as *amicus curiae* to assist the Court for disposal of the appeal filed by the present appeal on account of non-appearance of the appellant and co-convict as well as their counsel.

2. It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the impugned order is not sustainable as there are chances of settlement of the dispute between the parties. This cannot be considered as a ground for quashing the impugned order. The appellant or his counsel could not appear on 21.09.2024 and it was on account of their non-appearance that case was fixed for final arguments. Copies of orders passed subsequent to impugned order



have also been placed on record which shows that the next date of hearing is fixed as 19.12.2024.

3. Though, this Court finds no illegality or irregularity in the order as passed by learned First Appellate Court as the *amicus curiae* had been appointed by it keeping in view the fact that neither the appellant nor their counsel had been putting up appearance before the said Court, however, since the appellant and his counsel duly appointed by him are ready to appear before the First Appellate Court and to address arguments, therefore, this petition is disposed of with liberty to the appellant to be represented by some advocate of his own choice along with *amicus curiae* as already appointed by the Court.

Disposed of.

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(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

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