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

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CRM-M-58957-2023
Date of Decision : April 18, 2024

JAI LAL

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present : Mr. Kulwinder Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Priyanshu Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Pardeep Bajaj, DAG, Punjab.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (Oral)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No. 186 dated 3.9.2021, under Section 174-A IPC, registered at Police Station City 1, Abohar, District Fazilka against the petitioner in view of order dated 16.4.2021 (Annexure P-1) passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Abohar in complaint bearing No.NACT-972 of 2019 titled as “Punjab Gramin Bank Vs. Jail Lal” under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, whereby the petitioner was declared as a proclaimed offender.

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amicable settlement, as a result of which the complaint under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 stood withdrawn by the complainant.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 6.3.2023, suffered before the the learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Abohar. He submits that in these circumstances, continuation of the FIR (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by learned counsel representing the petitioner, together with the fact that since the original complaint already stands withdrawn, this Court deems it fit and appropriate to quash the criminal proceedings in the instant case.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-1), along with all consequential proceedings arising out of it, are, hereby, **quashed**.

(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

April 18, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned.	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable.	:	Yes/No