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

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CRM-M-17130-2025 (O&M)
Decided on:22.08.2025

Ashish Bhalla

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bhardwaj

Present: Mr. Chetan Mittal, Senior Advocate, with
Ms. Bahuli Sharma, Advocate,
Mr. Mayank Aggarwal, Advocate,
Mr. Aakash Deep Singh, Advocate, and
Mr. Ishwar Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Sumit Jain, Addl. A.G., Haryana, with
Ms. Diya Sodhi, Senior DAG, Haryana.

Rajesh Bhardwaj, J.

1. In the instant petition filed under Section 528 of the BNSS, 2023, the petitioner has made various prayers viz. quashing of FIRs mentioned in the table Annexure P-1, consolidation/clubbing of FIRs and quashing of production warrants etc.

2. During the course of hearing, learned Senior counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner fairly submits that though the present petition has also been filed for quashing the FIRs with further prayer for consolidation/clubbing of the FIRs, however, he restricts his prayer only qua consolidation/clubbing of all the FIRs registered against the petitioners on similar allegations by different complainants. He prays for withdrawal of his prayer for quashing the FIRs, with liberty to approach this Court again with better particulars.

3. The aforesaid prayer of the petitioner is accepted and the present petition is ordered to be dismissed as withdrawn, with the liberty aforesaid, qua

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quashing of the FIRs. Now, the present petition survives only qua the prayer for clubbing of various FIRs registered against the petitioner on similar allegations by different complainants.

4. Learned Senior counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that the petitioner is an urban designer and development professional. He is a Promoter/Director in WTC Faridabad Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., which is one of the group companies of WTC Noida Development Co. Pvt. Ltd. The petitioner's company, in order to develop the plotted residential society/projects, entered into Collaboration Agreements with the collaborators whereby it was agreed between the petitioner's company and the collaborators that the petitioner's company, in pursuance of the collaboration agreements, will obtain requisite/necessary licenses for developing the residential plotted society. It is submitted that the petitioner is a reputed person whose company, with *bona fide* intention to operate in Faridabad, acquired 87 acres of land and submitted applications for obtaining licenses under the Deen Dayal Jan Awas Yojna and subsequently, the Director, Town & Country Planning, Haryana, granted two licenses to the petitioner. After obtaining the licenses and necessary registration from the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority (HRERA), plots were allotted to the collaborators. Thereafter, the Government of Haryana officially suspended the operation and implementation of the Deen Dayal Jan Awas Yojana program within the geographical boundaries of Gurugram and Faridabad districts and the petitioner's company informed its collaborators about the said development and also about the proposal for alternative options but due to the business rivalry, their personal vendetta and in order to seek vengeance, the rivals started instigating the collaborators of the petitioner's company to register FIRs as well as complaint under Sections 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 against the petitioner and resultantly, the petitioner has been roped in various FIRs, which are as follows:-

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1. FIR No.119 dated 07.05.2024, registered under Sections 420 & 406 IPC, at Police Station BPTP Faridabad.
2. FIR No.245 dated 11.07.2024, registered under Sections 120-B, 420 & 506 IPC, at Police Station Old Faridabad.
3. FIR No.340 dated 26.09.2024, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.
4. FIR No.341 dated 26.09.2024, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.
5. FIR No.366 dated 15.11.2024, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.
6. FIR No.367 dated 15.11.2024, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.
7. FIR No.369 dated 16.11.2024, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.
8. FIR No.370 dated 16.11.2024, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.
9. FIR No.371 dated 16.11.2024, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.
10. FIR No.411 dated 13.12.2024, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.
11. FIR No.413 dated 13.12.2024, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.
12. FIR No.414 dated 13.12.2024, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.
13. FIR No.415 dated 13.12.2024, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.
14. FIR No.2 dated 02.01.2025, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.
15. FIR No.11 dated 08.01.2025, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.
16. FIR No.12 dated 08.01.2025, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.
17. FIR No.23 dated 18.01.2025, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.
18. FIR No.24 dated 18.01.2025, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.

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19. FIR No.42 dated 06.02.2025, registered under Sections 406 & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.
 20. FIR No.49 dated 20.02.2025, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.
 21. FIR No.56 dated 26.02.2025, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station Faridabad Central.
 22. FIR No.87 dated 28.03.2025, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.
 23. FIR No.108 dated 21.04.2025, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.
 24. FIR No.110 dated 21.04.2025, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.
 25. FIR No.113 dated 24.04.2025, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.
 26. FIR No.137 dated 27.05.2025, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad.
5. It is submitted by the learned Senior counsel that on the basis of common allegations, the petitioner is being prosecuted by lodging various FIRs at various police stations only in order to harass and humiliate him. It is submitted that in FIR No.369/2024 dated 16.11.2024, registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad, the investigation is already complete and the challan is also presented. He submitted that the petitioner is seriously prejudiced in defending himself in all the FIRs which are registered at different police stations and, thus, all these FIRs deserve to be clubbed. In support of his arguments, he relied upon a recent judgment of the Supreme Court rendered in the case of **Alok Kumar vs. The State of Bihar & Ors.**, Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No.4073/2025, decided on 12.08.2025 and submitted that considering the aforesaid FIR No.369/2024 as the principal/main FIR, rest of all other FIRs registered against the petitioner on the similar allegations by different complainants and also the FIRs that may be registered against the petitioner in future with respect to the same allegations at

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various police station may be treated as statements under Section 161 of the Cr.P.C.

6. Learned State counsel has opposed the prayer of the petitioner quashing of the FIRs, which though has already been withdrawn by the petitioner, but he is also in agreement with the argument raised by the learned Senior counsel for the petitioner in view of the law settled by the Hon'ble Supreme Court regarding clubbing of the FIRs.

7. After hearing learned counsel for the parties, it is discernible that the prayer made by learned Senior counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner regarding clubbing of the FIRs registered against the petitioner on the same allegations by different complainants is in consonance with the law settled by the Supreme Court in **Alok Kumar's case (supra)**, in which the Supreme Court has held as under:-

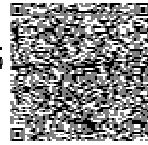
“15. In such circumstances, referred to above, the first thing that we should do is to order clubbing of all the 81 FIRs/Criminal Cases registered against the petitioner.

16. We direct that the very first FIR registered against the petitioner dated 11.01.2018 with the Shastri Nagar Police Station, Patna, Bihar shall be treated as the main FIR. All other First Information Reports shall be treated as statements under Section 161 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 (for short “the CrPC”). We are passing this order in tune with the decision of this Court in the case of “Satinder Singh Bhasin v. State of U.P. and Another” reported in 2023 (14) SCC 805.

17. We clarify that any FIR that may be registered against the petitioner or the company in future with respect to delivery of property to home buyers shall also be treated as a Statement under Section 161 of the CrPC.”

8. In view of the aforesaid discussion, the present petition is partially allowed and keeping in view the law settled by the Supreme Court in **Alok Kumar's case (supra)**, it is ordered that FIR No.369/2024 dated 16.11.2024,

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registered under Sections 120-B & 420 IPC, at Police Station EOW, Central Faridabad against the petitioner be treated as the principal/main FIR and all other 25 FIRs mentioned in para no.4 of this order, based on the similar allegations and lodged by the different complainants, be treated as statements under Section 161 of the Cr.P.C. It is also ordered that any FIR that may be registered against the petitioner in future involving similar allegations be also treated as a statement under Section 161 of the Cr.P.C.

9. All the pending applications stand disposed of.

August 22, 2025
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(Rajesh Bhardwaj)
Judge

Whether Speaking/Reasoned: NO/YES
Whether Reportable: NO/YES