



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

Sr. No.210

CRM-M-28884-2023

Date of Decision: 24.01.2025

Prakash Singh Bhatti

.... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. Vaneet Kumar Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Satjot Singh Chahal, AAG, Punjab.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)

The petition has been filed for quashing of FIR No.0155 dated 07.07.2020, registered under Sections 188, 269, 270, 149 of IPC and Section 51 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, at P.S. City 1 Abohar, District Fazilka, against the petitioner for violation of protocol during Covid-19 pandemic.

2. Learned counsel for the parties are *ad idem* that all similar FIRs lodged for violation of the protocol during Covid-19 pandemic have been quashed by this Court vide order dated 01.10.2024, passed in CWP-PIL-29-2021 and CWP-PIL-112-2023, observing as under:

17. It is apt to notice that investigations in some of these cases are still underway while other matters have been sent for trial. A large number of these cases are clogging the judicial system, which is already under strain due to huge backlog. It would be expedient and in the interest of justice if the cases, which have been registered under Section 188 IPC, by the police and not by the authorized officer, are quashed by this Court.



3. In view of the agreement between the parties, the petition is allowed, and FIR No.0155 dated 07.07.2020, registered under Sections 188, 269, 270, 149 of IPC and Section 51 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, at P.S. City 1 Abohar, District Fazilka, along with all subsequent proceedings, stands quashed.

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

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