



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-37314-2025

Date of decision: July 16th, 2025

Ibrahim Haji @ Ibrahim

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Ms. Manju Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 528 of the BNSS for quashing of FIR No.1749 dated 10.09.2019 under Section 174-A of the IPC registered at Police Station Shivaji Nagar, Gurugram, and order dated 26.08.2019 passed by learned JMIC, Gurugram and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, at the outset, has drawn the attention of this Court to order dated 30.04.2025 (Annexure P-3), wherein it stands reflected that in view of a statement made by the complainant, the complaint under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (for short, 'the NI Act') was dismissed as withdrawn. A prayer, therefore, has been made that in the aforementioned facts and circumstances, no purpose would be served by prosecuting the petitioner under Section 174-A IPC. In support of his submissions, learned counsel has placed reliance upon the judgment of this Court in *Sher Singh vs. State of Haryana (CRM-M-11846-2023)* decided on 09.03.2023, wherein in identical facts and circumstances,

the FIR registered under Section 174-A of the IPC against the petitioner

was quashed.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Karan Sharma, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent.

5. Learned State counsel has opposed the prayer made by the counsel opposite and contended that it was evident that the petitioner had intentionally not appeared during the proceedings before the Court below and hence, the prayer of the petitioner deserved to be declined.

6. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material on record.

7. The petitioner was declared a proclaimed offender in a complaint case under Section 138 of the NI Act. Admittedly, the said complaint was withdrawn. Hence, continuation of criminal proceedings for offence under Section 174-A of the IPC would serve no useful purpose.

8. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and FIR registered under Section 174-A of the IPC and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom are quashed.

July 16th, 2025
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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No