

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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2025:PHHC:149589



CRM-M-41046-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 30.10.2025.

MANPREET KAUR AND ANOTHER

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Munish Raj Chaudhary, Advocate,
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Surinderjit Singh Nahar, AAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed for seeking quashing of FIR bearing No.321 dated 09.12.2019, under Section 174-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Lehra, District Sangrur along with all the subsequent proceedings arising out of FIR bearing No.0154 dated 16.12.2016, under Sections 420 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Lehra, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners contends that the petitioners had been nominated in four FIRs i.e. one registered in the year 2016 and three registered in the month of June 2018. After registration of

the FIRs, the raids were conducted. In all the FIRs, petitioners entered into compromise with the parties and assured to return the amount. Petitioners shifted to some other place and they could not apprise the Court about the settlement between the parties as a result whereof, the petitioners were declared as proclaimed offenders vide order dated 07.11.2019 and consequently, FIR bearing No.321 dated 09.12.2019, under Section 174-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, was registered at Police Station Lehra, District Sangrur.

Counsel for the petitioners further contends that due procedure had not been followed before declaring the petitioners as proclaimed offenders. He contends that the petitioners were declared proclaimed offenders pursuant to their absence in the main case, however, the matter had already been settled between the parties in case bearing No.CHI-123-2025 and the petitioners already stand acquitted of the charges framed against them. He submits that since the petitioners have already been acquitted in the main case, no purpose would be served by continuance of the present proceedings.

Without going into the merits of the case and taking note of the fact that the main proceedings initiated against the petitioners arising out of FIR bearing No.0154 dated 16.12.2016, under Sections 420 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Lehra, District Sangrur, having already been culminated in the judgment of acquittal, no purpose is likely to be served by continuation of the proceedings under Section 174-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

Consequently, the present petition is allowed. FIR bearing No.321 dated 09.12.2019, under Section 174-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Lehra, District Sangrur along with all the

subsequent proceedings is quashed qua the petitioners in the interest of justice.

October 30, 2025.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE
Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*
Whether reportable : *Yes/No*