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

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Decided on: 01.05.2025

RADHIKA CHANANA**.....Petitioner****Versus****STATE OF HARYANA AND ANR****.....Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH**

Present: Mr. Shashank Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kanwar Sanjiv Kumar, AAG, Haryana.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C., seeking quashing of FIR No. 1183 dated 19.12.2019 (P-1), registered under Section 174-A IPC, at Police Station Panipat City District Panipat and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the proceedings in the main case, which were filed as a bunch of about twenty eight petitions, challenging the complaint under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (for short, 'NI Act'), have already been quashed by the co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 31.01.2024 (P-2). Counsel further submits that the impugned FIR has arisen from a complaint case under Section 138 of the NI Act, which was filed against the petitioner, and thereupon, proceedings in the said complaint case under Section 138 of NI Act, were quashed vide order



dated 31.01.2024, passed in CRM-M-6962-2023 and other connected cases.

3. Counsel also points out that in the concluding part of the order dated 31.01.2024, it has been specifically observed that the respective complaints in the respective petitions, along with the respective summoning orders and all consequential proceedings, are also quashed.

Thus, Mr. Shashank Sharma, Advocate, submits that once the proceedings in the main case are quashed for any reason, including the compromise between the concerned parties, or even withdrawn by the concerned party, no purpose remains in continuing with the consequential proceedings, such as in the impugned FIR No. 1183 dated 19.12.2019. Therefore, counsel prays for the quashing of FIR No. 1183 dated 19.12.2019 (P-1), registered under Section 174-A IPC, at Police Station Panipat City District Panipat as well as all consequential proceedings arising therefrom.

4. Heard

5. Under these circumstances, once the proceedings under Section 138 of NI Act in the main case are quashed for any reason, including the compromise between the concerned parties, or even withdrawn by the concerned party, continuation of the instant FIR under Section 174-A of IPC is nothing but an abuse of process of law. In this regard reliance can be placed upon judgment rendered by this Court in the case of *Microqual Techno Limited and others v. State of Haryana and another* (CRM-M-43210-2014; Date of Decision:14.09.2015),



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which has subsequently been followed *in CRM-M-47891-2021, titled as, “Jitender Singh v. State of Haryana and another”, decided on 16.11.2021, Law Finder Doc Id #1924279, and the order dated 05.09.2022, passed by this Court in CRM-M-34291-2022, titled as, “Pankaj Sharma Vs. State of Haryana and another’, 2022(4) RCR (Criminal) 767, Law Finder Doc Id #2038108.*

6. Accordingly, instant petition is allowed. FIR No. 1183 dated 19.12.2019 (P-1), registered under Section 174-A IPC, at Police Station Panipat City District Panipat as well as all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, stands quashed qua the petitioner.

Petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

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