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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **W.P.(CRL) 883/2024**

PARVINDER PAL SINGH

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Gaurav Raju and Mr. Abhishek Singh, Advocates along with Mr. Parvinder Pal Singh, Petitioner in-person.

versus

STATE OF NCT OF DELHI & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Amol Sinha, ASC with Mr. Kshitiz Garg, Mr. Ashvini Kumar, Ms. Chavi Lazarus, Ms. Sanskriti Nimbekar and Mr. Nitish Dhawan, Advocates for State.
Mr. Sandeep Choudhary, Advocate for R-2.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER

05.03.2025

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1. The present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India read with Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973¹ seeks quashing of FIR No. 201/2021 under Sections 420, 406 and 120B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860², registered at P.S. Economic Offences Wing³, insofar as it pertains to the Petitioner, who has been named as accused No. 5 in the said FIR.

2. On conclusion of investigation, a chargesheet has been filed by the prosecution, wherein the Petitioner has been placed in column No. 12. The

¹ "Cr.P.C."

² "IPC"

³ "Impugned FIR"



chargesheet records that no incriminating material has surfaced against the Petitioner, as he is neither a signatory to any of the impugned documents nor a recipient of the alleged misappropriated funds. Further, it is noted that he has no association with the accused entity— i.e., Indian Institute of Hemp Association⁴.

3. Mr. Sandeep Choudhary, counsel appearing for Respondent No. 2 – i.e., the Complainant, submits that a protest petition has been filed by the Complainant before the Trial Court, against the chargesheet which is pending consideration.

4. In view of the fact that the protest petition is sub judice before the Trial Court, this Court does not find it appropriate to issue any directions at this stage, as any observation on the merits of the case would risk prejudicing the rights of either party. However, given that the matter has remained pending for some time, the Trial Court is directed to decide the protest petition and take an appropriate view on the same, within a period of three months from today.

5. With the above directions, the present petition is disposed of, along with pending applications, if any.

6. It is made clear that the court has not made a comment on the merits of the case. All rights and contentions of the parties are left open.

7. A Copy of the order be sent to the concerned Trial Court for necessary information and compliance.

SANJEEV NARULA, J

MARCH 5, 2025/nk

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