



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-17423-2022
Date of decision: 22.04.2026

SUKHJINDER KAUR ALIAS SUKHWINDER KAUR AND ANR

....petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL

Present:- Mr. Ashish Soi, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Amrit Kaur Mahir, AAG, Punjab.

RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. has been filed for quashing of the FIR No.196 dated 11.06.2020 under Section 174-A IPC, 1860 registered at Police Station Division No.8, Ludhiana (Annexure P-1) and subsequent proceedings.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners were declared proclaimed offender in FIR No. 214 dated 21.12.2017 under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC at Police Station Division No.8, Ludhiana and subsequently, the impugned FIR was registered against the petitioners. He submits that the petitioners have already appeared before the Court in FIR No. 214 dated 21.12.2017 and have been granted bail on 15.07.2020. It is also submitted that since in the main criminal case, from which the proclamation proceedings arose, the petitioners have already



surrendered and have been granted bail by the trial Court, continuation of the proceedings under Section 174-A IPC would serve no useful purpose and would amount to abuse of the process of law. Accordingly, prayer is made for quashing of the aforesaid FIR under Section 174-A IPC and all consequential proceedings.

3. Learned State counsel opposes the petition and submits that the FIR was rightly registered as the petitioners failed to appear before the Court. He contends that later surrender and grant of bail do not cancel the offence under Section 174-A IPC. He further submits that no ground for quashing is made out. Hence, dismissal of the petition is prayed for.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

5. The object behind issuance of non-bailable warrants or proclamation is only to secure the presence of the accused and in the present case, the petitioners have already been granted bail by the learned trial Court.

6. In the present case, since the petitioners have already been granted concession of bail by the learned trial Court and all related proceedings have been closed, the FIR under 174-A IPC cannot continue to stand and the order loses its basis. Consequently, the continuation of the proceedings under FIR No.196 dated 11.06.2020 under Section 174-A IPC, 1860 registered at Police Station Division No.8, Ludhiana (Annexure P-1) and subsequent proceedings will be bad in law.

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7. In view of the foregoing discussion, the petition is allowed. FIR No.196 dated 11.06.2020 under Section 174-A IPC, 1860 registered at Police Station Division No.8, Ludhiana (Annexure P-1) and subsequent proceedings are quashed.

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Mohit Bishnoi

(RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL)
JUDGE

i)	Whether speaking/reasoned?	Yes/No
ii)	Whether reportable?	Yes/No