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

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CRM M-42761 of 2018

Date of Decision: 23.04.2026

Narinder Singh Mahal

...Petitioner (s)

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.S.SHEKHAWAT

Present : Mr. Navjot Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Bajwa, DAG, Punjab.

N.S.SHEKHAWAT, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. with a prayer to quash the FIR No.50 dated 18.09.2017 (Annexure P-1) under Sections 307, 186, 353, 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 473, 177, 120-B, 212 & 216 of Indian Penal Code and Section 12 of Indian Passport Act and Section 25 of Arms Act registered at Police Station Sadar Rajpura, District Patiala, supplementary *challan* dated 08.06.2018 (Annexure P-2) and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom.

2. While issuing notice of motion on 04.12.2018, a Coordinate Bench of this Court had noticed the following contentions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that an FIR No.891 dated 16.09.2017 under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 IPC and Section 12(1)B of Passport Act was registered at

Police Station Puranpur, District Pilibhit (UP) against Surjit Singh and Paramjit Singh and during investigation of the said FIR, it was found that the accused persons had prepared false passport and subsequently, the petitioner was also named as accused, while submitting the report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. with the allegations that he, along with two other persons, has also helped the main accused in preparation of the passport. It is further submitted that later on, when the present FIR was registered against one Gurjeet Singh @ Lada under Sections 307, 353, 186, 467, 468, 476 IPC and Section 25 of Arms Act relating to an incident, in which he was found involved in committing primary offence punishable under Section 307 IPC and during the investigation, he was found in possession of certain fake documents and on the basis of disclosure statement made by him, again it has come in the investigation that the petitioner has helped him in preparation of certain documents. Learned counsel relies upon earlier FIR No.891, in which there are same set of allegations regarding preparation of fake documents, which are again levelled against the petitioner and therefore, the second FIR qua the petitioner to this extent is not maintainable”.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner has reiterated the above submissions and submitted that with regard to same set of allegations, one FIR already stands registered at Pilibhit (UP) and on the same set of allegations, now the present FIR has been registered by the Punjab Police due to extraneous considerations. Thus, the FIR and all the proceedings arising therefrom are liable to be quashed by this Court.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel has opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner on the

ground that undoubtedly the petitioner had helped the accused in preparing the fake passports and as a consequence FIR No. 891 dated 16.09.2017 under Sections 420, 467, 468 and 471 IPC and Section 12(1)B of Passport Act, Police Station Puranpur, District Pilibhit (UP) was ordered to be registered against the petitioner and others. However, even in Rajpura, three passports were recovered by the police and the petitioner had prepared those fake passports to help the accused in Rajpura also. Learned State counsel has specifically referred to the averments made in paragraphs No. 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the reply in this regard, which have been reproduced as under:-

“2.That the brief facts of the case are that the above noted case was registered at Police Station Sadar, Rajpura district Patiala that police party lead by Inspector/SHO, P.S. Sadar, Rajpura District Patiala were present near Shiv Temple for look out of suspects under special operations. Where, the Inspector received information that Gurjeet Singh alias Landa s/o Inderjit Singh r/o village Dhand Kansal Police Station Sarai Amanat Khan District Tran Taran who has links with many gangsters and who has constituted gang by teaming up with Vicky Gaundar, Harry Chatha, Gopi Ghanshampuriah, Gop Koda, Sukh Bhikhriwal and Prema Lahoria etc. They used to conduct loots and stealings and Kidnap people to extort ransoms. Gurjeet Singh Nabha is want in Jail break case and he might be having lot of arms with him. Gurjit Singh has also prepared fake proofs with his photo. On the date of occurrence, he is coming from Chandigarh Mohali to Manakpur Agricultural fields and is going towards Rajpura in Pajero Blue white colour having fake number registration and if Naka is laid then he could be apprehended with fake numbered Pajero. Accordingly,

Naka was laid at Jansua –Manakpur Road. After some time Pajero Car No. HR-26AX 2018, being driven by a young boy. When the Inspector gave signal to stop the said car, then he tried to sped away. After breaking first barricade, the car stopped at second barricade and police party took positions. So, the driver was asked to surrender before the police by raising hands ups and the driver was apprehended by the police, who disclosed his name was Gurjit Singh @ Lada s/o Inderjit Singh r/o village Chand Kasol, P.S. Sarai Amant Khan District Tarn Taran. On carrying out his personal search 30 bore pistol alongwith 6 live cartridges was recovered from him and 44 rounds were recovered from his right pocket. Actual number of Pajero was PB-11CD 7979 as per R.C., which was in the name of Surjit Singh s/o Jaspal Singh. Three passport No. 9773271 issued on 2-8-16 valid upto 1-8-2026, second in the name of Ramandeep Kaur having No. N-9481359 and third passport in the name of Jaisse No. N-9773270, these passports were issued from Bareli and also one Voter Card was recovered. Accordingly, above noted case was registered against him.

3. That during interrogation, Gurjit Singh disclosed that the petitioner Narinder Singh Mahal who is resident of Puranpur, Pilibhit provided him fictitious passport for himself, his wife Ramandeep Kaur and daughter Jesi Dhillon from Barelli district Pilibhit. The petitioner Narinder Singh Mahal had gone abroad now a days. He got prepared fictitious passport to go abroad by concealing his identity. Therefore, the petitioner was also nominated as an accused in the above noted case.

4. That after completing the investigation against the petitioner supplementary challan u/s 173 (8) Cr.P.C has been presented against the petitioner before the learned trial court on 23-07-2018 and now the case has been fixed

for 23-04-2019 in the court of Learned Additional Sessions Judge, Patiala.

5. That since the above noted passports were recovered at Rajpura, therefore, the occurrence took place at Rajpura and the petitioner was correctly involved in the above noted case. Therefore, the case registered at Pilibhit has no bearing on the present case against the petitioner”.

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

6. From appraisal of the FIR, it is apparent that the FIR in the present case was registered against several gangsters by the Punjab Police during the course of investigation. Three passports bearing No. 9773271, N-9481359 and N-9773270, which were allegedly issued from Bareilly and one voter card were also recovered. During interrogation of Gurjit Singh, the main accused disclosed that fake passports were provided to him, his wife, and daughter by the present petitioner, and they wanted to go abroad by concealing their identity. Consequently, the petitioner was also arrayed as an accused in the present case. Simply because of the fact that the petitioner had committed some fraud in UP also and had provided passports to certain accused in UP and a FIR has been registered in Pilibhit (UP), in this regard, the present FIR cannot be quashed by this Court on this ground alone. During the course of investigation in the present case, three fake passports, which were forged and fabricated by the petitioner, have been recovered and there is no ground to quash the FIR against him.

7. In view of the above discussion, the present petition is ordered to be dismissed.

8. All pending applications, if any, are disposed off, accordingly.

23.04.2026
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No