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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-11955-2026 AND
CRM-11956-2026 IN/AND
CRM-M-59572-2024
Date of Decision : 30.03.2026

Harchand Singh Barsat

...Petitioner

Versus

State of U.T. Chandigarh

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. Salil Dev Singh Bali, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Jaiveer Singh Bali, Advocate and
Ms. Aarti Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Manish Bansal, Public Prosecutor, U.T., Chandigarh with
Mr. Arun Garg, Advocate for UT. Chandigarh.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)

With the consent of parties, the main case is taken up on Board.

2. The present petition has been filed for quashing of FIR no.20 dated 12.02.2023, registered under Sections 147, 149, 323, 332, 353, 188 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 registered at Police Station Sector-39, Chandigarh, Annexure P-1.

3. Learned counsel for the respondent/U.T. points out that during pendency of the petition charges have been framed against the petitioner vide order dated 31.10.2023, Annexure P-4. The trial is going on and one prosecution witness has also been examined.

4. Considering these facts, this Court is not inclined to entertain the petition for quashing of the FIR at this stage. Accordingly, it stands disposed of reserving liberty with the petitioner to raise all pleas taken in the petition before the trial Court at an appropriate stage.

5. Learned Senior counsel points out that the petitioner has been granted exemption from appearance before the trial Court vide interim order dated 04.01.2024 . It should be ordered to continue.
6. Since the main petition has been disposed of, the prayer is not being entertained. However, the petitioners will be at liberty to move an appropriate application before the trial Court seeking exemption which will be considered and decided keeping in view the relevant facts.

March 30, 2026
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(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

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