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

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Date of Decision: 29.08.2025

Ashok Kumar and others

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present:- Mr. Saurav Bhatia, Advocate with
Mr. Navdeep S. Khokhar, Advocate for the petitioners

Mr. Satjot Singh Chahal, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (Oral)

The petition has been filed for quashing of FIR no.121 dated 05.06.2020, registered against the petitioners under Sections 188, 269, 270 IPC, at Police Station Division No.2, Pathankot, District Pathankot, along with all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom.

2. Learned counsel for the parties are *ad idem* that all similar FIRs lodged for violation of the protocol during Covid-19 pandemic have been quashed by this Court vide order dated 01.10.2024, passed in CWP-PIL-29-2021 and CWP-PIL-112-2023, observing as under:

17. It is apt to notice that investigations in some of these cases are still underway while other matters have been sent for trial. A large number of these cases are clogging the judicial system, which is already under strain due to huge backlog. It would be expedient and in the interest of justice if the cases, which have been registered under Section 188 IPC, by the police and not by the authorized officer, are quashed by this Court.



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3. In view of the agreement between the parties, the petition is allowed, and FIR no.121 dated 05.06.2020, registered under Sections 188, 269, 270 IPC, at Police Station Division No.2, Pathankot, District Pathankot, along with all subsequent proceedings, stands quashed *qua* the petitioners.

4. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stand(s) disposed of.

**(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE**

29.08.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No