

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR QUASHING & SET ASIDE
FIR/ORDER) NO. 19443 of 2020**

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BIJENDRASINH @ VIJAYSINH HARISINH RANA (ZALA) & ANR.
Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT & ANR.

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Appearance:

S M KIKANI(7596) for the Applicant(s) No. 1,2
CM SHAH, APP for the Respondent(s) No. 1
RULE NOT RECD BACK for the Respondent(s) No. 2

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ILESH J. VORA
Date : 16/04/2024
ORAL ORDER

1. By this application under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, the applicants are seeking to invoke the inherent powers of this Court praying for quashing of FIR being I-C.R.No.23 of 2007 registered with Babra Police Station, Amreli for the offences punishable under Sections 363, 366, 376, 380 and 114 of the Indian Penal Code and other consequential proceedings thereto.
2. Heard learned advocate for the applicants as well as learned APP for the respondent – State. Though served, none appears on behalf of the respondent no.2.
3. The facts giving rise to file this application are that the uncle of the victim lodged an FIR against the applicants

inter alia alleging that his niece was abducted by applicants – accused. During the course of investigation, the statement of the victim was recorded, wherein she has categorically stated that she has left the house with her own volition without being any force or coercion on the part of the applicants. Considering the age of applicant no.1, the I.O. has filed the chargesheet against the applicants for the alleged offence, as referred above.

4. Learned advocate for the applicants submits that since the date of the FIR, the victim is living with the applicant no.1 and after attending the age, they entered into marriage relationship and therefore, the present criminal proceedings is nothing, but sheer misuse of process of law and/or Court and therefore, he prays that, to prevent the abuse of process of the Court and to secure the ends of justice, the criminal proceedings may be quashed and set aside.
5. On the other hand, learned APP for the respondent – State submitted that at the relevant time, the age of the victim was not marriageable and therefore, no case is made out for exercising inherent powers of this Court.

6. The law is well settled on the point of quashing FIR or chargesheet, that the allegations levelled in the FIR and the chargesheet are taken at its face value, if do not make out any case, the same could be quashed by invoking inherent jurisdiction under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.
7. In the facts of the present case, the victim was in love with applicant no.1 and against the will and wish of the family members, she left the parental home and settled with applicant no.1 and after attending the age of majority, they got married and since long, they are living peacefully and enjoying their marriage life. In such circumstances, considering the facts and circumstances of the present case, no useful purpose would be served by continuing the proceedings and chances of conviction appear to be remote and/or bleak.
8. Thus, the continuation of the criminal proceedings in relation to the impugned FIR against the applicants would be unfair and contrary to the interest of justice and it would be tantamount to the abuse of process of law and

hence, to secure ends of justice, the impugned FIR being I-C.R.No.23 of 2007 registered with Babra Police Station, Amreli and other consequential proceedings thereto are quashed and set aside qua applicants herein. Accordingly, present application is allowed and is hereby **disposed of**.

Direct Service is permitted.

(ILESH J. VORA,J)

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