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On account of the alleged negligence on the part of the petitioners, it is the deceased, who suffered pain and loss of life, so none else can come forward to settle. So far as the money paid to the family of the deceased, the same is compensation under relevant labour law and it cannot be extended to settle the alleged offence.

6. Learned counsel for petitioners submits that petitioners had provided all safety equipment to the deceased, so the petitioners are not guilty of any negligence. But that would be a matter of trial. It is trite that the High Court cannot conduct a mini trial while exercising inherent powers. *Prima facie*, the material collected during investigation shows that had the petitioners provided the requisite safety kit, the deceased would not have lost his life.

7. I do not find it a fit case to exercise inherent powers in order to quash the impugned FIR. Therefore, the petition is dismissed. Accompanying application stands disposed of.

8. However, it is made clear that none of the above observations shall be read to the prejudice of either side by the trial court at the culmination of trial and the learned trial court shall take an independent view on the basis of evidence adduced during trial.

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