

THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA,
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-10617 of 2015

Decided on : 20.05.2015

Som Raj and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

Present : Mr.Premjit Kalia, Advocate for the petitioners.
Mr.Sultan Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab.

1. Whether reporters of local newspapers may be allowed to see judgment?
2. To be referred to reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

Hari Pal Verma, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present petition is for quashing of FIR No.238, dated 15.10.2014 under Sections 498-A, and 120-B, IPC, registered against the petitioners at Police Station Sadar, District Amritsar City (Annexure P/1) on the basis of compromise dated 20.02.2015 alongwith consequential proceedings arising therefrom.

On 06.04.2015, this Court has passed the following order:-

“Prayer in the instant petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is for quashing of FIR No.238 dated 15.10.2014 under Sections 498A/120-B IPC registered at Police Station Sadar, District Amritsar City (Annexure P-1) and other consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 20.2.2015 (Annexure P-2).

Notice of motion for 20.5.2015.

In the meantime, keeping in view the compromise dated 20.2.2015 (Annexure P-2), the parties are directed to appear before Illaqa Magistrate, for recording of their respective statements with regard to compromise, on 22.4.2015. The Illaqa Magistrate is directed to submit a report on or

before the next date of hearing containing the following information as well:-

- (i) Number of persons arrayed as accused in FIR.*
- (ii) Whether any accused is proclaimed offender.*
- (iii) Whether the compromise is genuine, voluntary, and without any coercion or undue influence..”*

In compliance of the above order passed by this Court, the Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Amritsar, has submitted a report dated 24.04.2015, vide which it is mentioned that parties have appeared before the trial Court and gave their statements without any pressure and with their free will in respect of compromise effected between them.

Learned State counsel has also admitted the factum of compromise effected between the parties. After perusing the statements of the parties and the report of Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Amritsar, learned State counsel submits that he has no objection if the impugned FIR is quashed.

Heard.

The petitioners have been booked for having committed the offence punishable under Sections 498-A, and 120-B. They have now amicably effected the compromise with the complainant. The learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Amritsar has recorded the statements of the parties with regard to compromise and the report has also been received in this regard. Therefore, continuation of the trial arising out of the impugned FIR would be a sheer abuse of the process of law because chances of conviction are bleak.

Keeping in view the factum of the compromise effected between the private parties and the law laid down by Full Bench of this Court in the case of **Kulwinder Singh and others** Vs. **State of Punjab**

and another, 2007 (3) RCR (Criminal), 1052, (P&H), this petition is accepted and FIR No.238, dated 15.10.2014 under Sections 498-A, and 120-B, IPC, registered against the petitioners at Police Station Sadar, District Amritsar City (Annexure P/1) along with consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are quashed.

Petition is accordingly allowed.

[Hari Pal Verma]
Judge

20.05.2015
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