

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

C.R.M-M No.11390-2015

Date of Decision : 07.12.2015

Jagnam Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. Kuljit Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ashish Sanghi, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Saurabh Gautam, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

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

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of F.I.R. No.249 dated 21.12.2014 registered under Section 506 IPC and Section 66-A of Information and Technology Act at Police Station Division Division No.8, Jalandhar, District Jalandhar and all other consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise effected between the parties.

On 14.09.2015 the following order was passed:-

“Learned Additional Advocate General states that on principle she would have no objection to the quashing of this FIR if the compromise is duly proved.

To come up on 07.12.2015.

Meanwhile, the parties are directed to be present before the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jalandhar on 19.10.2015 or any other date convenient to the Court for recording their statements with regard to compromise. The Court is directed to record the statements of both the parties to its satisfaction to know its genuineness that the statements are not the result of any pressure or coercion in any manner. The Court is further directed to send report along with the statements of the parties with regard to validity or otherwise of the compromise effected between the parties and also intimate whether any criminal case is pending against either of the parties or not before the next date of hearing.”

Thereafter, the report of the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jalandhar dated 02.11.2015 has been received whereby he has mentioned that the parties had appeared before him and had attested to the fact that a compromise has indeed taken place between them and that the compromise has been executed voluntarily and without any pressure.

Learned Deputy Advocate General has also accepted this fact.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Gian Singh v. State of Punjab and another** reported as 2012(4) RCR(Criminal) 543 has discussed in detail the inherent powers of High Court in quashing a criminal proceeding or FIR or complaint where the parties have entered into compromise except the cases which involve offences such as murder, rape dacoity etc. as such offences are not private in nature and have serious impact on society.

In view of the above judicial pronouncement, I am of the considered opinion that continuation of criminal proceedings between the parties would be an abuse of the process of law and the present compromise is for their benefit and will bring peace and harmony between them.

Consequently, this petition is allowed and the above said FIR and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom are quashed qua the petitioner.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending Criminal Misc. Application, if any, also stands disposed of.

December 07, 2015

Sunita/Pooja sharma-I

**(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE**