

THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA,
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-18584 of 2015

Decided on : 01.07.2015

Surinder Singh and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

Present : Mr.Vikram Anand, Advocate for the petitioners.
Mr.Sultan Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab.
Mr.Manoj Nagrath, Advocate for respondents No.2 to 8.

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.160, dated 04.08.2014, under Sections 323, 324, 341, 506, 148 and 149 IPC and 325, 326 and 307 IPC added later and Section 307 IPC deleted lateron, registered against the petitioners at Police Station Sultanpur, District Kapurthala (Annexure P/1) on the basis of compromise dated 23.12.2014 (Annexure P/2) alongwith consequential proceedings arising therefrom.

On 29.05.2015, this Court has passed the following order:-

“Prayer in this petition is for quashing of FIR No.160 dated 4.8.2014 under Sections 323, 324, 341, 506, 148 and 149, IPC and Sections 325, 326 and 307 IPC added later and Section 307 deleted, registered at Police Station Sultanpur, District Kapurthala (Annexure P/1) on the basis of compromise dated 23.12.2014 (Annexure P/2).
Notice of motion for 01.07.2015.

Parties are directed to appear before the

Illaqa Magistrate/Trial Court for recording their respective statements with regard to compromise/settlement on 08.06.2015, the date already fixed in the main case.

The Illaqa Magistrate/Trial Court 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 Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Sultanpur Lodhi, has submitted a report dated 18.06.2015 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 Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Sultanpur Lodhi, learned State counsel submits that he has no objection if the impugned FIR is quashed. Learned counsel for respondent No.2 to 8 also admits the factum of compromise.

Heard.

The petitioners have been booked for having committed the offence punishable under Sections 323, 324, 341, 506, 148 and 149 IPC and 325, 326 and 307 IPC added later and Section 307 IPC deleted lateron. They have now amicably effected the compromise with the complainant. The learned Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Sultanpur Lodhi 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.160, dated 04.08.2014, under Sections 323, 324, 341, 506, 148 and 149 IPC and 325, 326 and 307 IPC added later and Section 307 IPC deleted lateron, registered against the petitioners at Police Station Sultanpur, District Kapurthala (Annexure P/1) along with consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are quashed subject to payment of costs of Rs.10,000/- to be deposited with the Punjab State Legal Services Authority, Chandigarh, receipt of which shall be submitted in the registry of this Court within one month from today and the registry shall tag the same with the case file.

[Hari Pal Verma]
Judge

01.07.2015
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