

IN THE PUNJAB & HARYANA HIGH COURT AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-19320-2014

Date of decision : 15.01.2015

Sachin Gandotra and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE REKHA MITTAL

Present: Mr.Vishal Aggarwal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr.Sandeep Kumar Bansal, AAG, Punjab.

Mr.Manoj Kaushik, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

REKHA MITTAL, J.(ORAL)

The petitioners have prayed for quashing of FIR No.10 dated 23.01.2011, for offence under Sections 498-A, 406, 506 of the Indian Penal Code (in short “IPC”) registered in Police Station Division No.2, Pathankot on the basis of compromise dated 24.05.2014 (Annexure P2) effected between the parties.

The parties were directed to appear before the Area Magistrate on 10.11.2014 to get their statements recorded with regard to genuineness of compromise.

A report has been submitted by the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Pathankot, wherein it has been reported that statements of the petitioners and respondent No.2(complainant) have been recorded and the statements made by the parties in the Court reveal that they have voluntarily

entered into a compromise with an intention to live in peace and harmony.

Counsel for the State has not disputed correctness of assertions of the petitioners that the matter has been settled by way of compromise between the parties.

I have heard counsel for the parties and perused the case file.

A perusal of allegations in the FIR reveals that the present case squarely falls in the category of cases which can be quashed by the High Court, in exercise of its inherent power under Section 482 of the Code. Keeping in view the authoritative enunciation of law laid down by Hon'ble the Supreme Court of India in *Gian Singh v. State of Punjab and another*, 2012(4) R.C.R. (Criminal) 543 and in the light of facts and circumstances of the present case, this Court is of the considered opinion that continuation of criminal proceedings would amount to abuse of process of law and it is expedient in the interest of justice that criminal proceedings are put to an end.

In view of what has been discussed hereinabove, the petition is allowed and FIR No.10 dated 23.01.2011, for offence under Sections 498-A, 406, 506 IPC registered in Police Station Division No.2, Pathankot and proceedings emanating therefrom are ordered to be quashed, qua the petitioners.

(REKHA MITTAL)
JUDGE

January 15, 2015.
Davinder Kumar