

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM no.M-2392 of 2015 (O&M)
Decided on :08-04-2015

Pankaj Chadha and another

....Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER

Present:- Mr. Naveen Bawa, Advocate for the petitioners

Mr. Deepak Garg, AAG, Punjab

MAHESH GROVER, J

This is a petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C praying for quashing of FIR No. 37 dated 15.5.2014 registered under Sections 406, 498-A IPC at Police Station Women, District Ludhiana and all consequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of a compromise.

On 23.1.2015, this Court had directed the Illaqa Magistrate to record the statement of all the affected persons and further record a finding as to whether the compromise has been effected voluntarily by the parties.

That report has since been received alongwith copies of the statements of the affected persons which also indicates that the matter has been resolved amicably between the parties without any pressure from any quarter.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Gold Quest International Private Ltd. vs. State of Tamil Nadu and others, 2014 (4) RCR (Crl.) 206** has held that the disputes which are substantially matrimonial in nature, or the civil property disputes with criminal facets, if the parties have entered into settlement, and it has become clear that there are no chances of

conviction, there is no illegality in quashing the proceedings under Section 482 Cr.P.C read with Article 226 of the Constitution.

The Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court in **Sube Singh & anr. vs. State of Haryana & anr., 2013 (4) RCR (CrI) 102** has held that the High Court is vested with unparallel power to quash criminal proceedings at any stage to secure the ends of justice.

Having regard to the aforesaid and the observations made by the Full Bench of this Court in **Kulwinder Singh v. State of Punjab reported as 2007(3) Law Herald 2225** and of Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Gian Singh Vs. St. of Punjab** reported as 2012(4) RCR (CrI.) 543, instant petition is accepted. Consequently, FIR No. 37 dated 15.5.2014 registered under Sections 406, 498-A IPC at Police Station Women, District Ludhiana and all consequent proceedings arising therefrom qua all the petitioners herein are hereby quashed.

April 08, 2015
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(Mahesh Grover)
Judge