

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

**C.R.M-M No.25184 of 2014
Date of Decision : 06.01.2015**

Dalbir Singh and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Deepak Garg, A.A.G., Punjab.

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)

On 22.08.2014 the following order was passed:-

“This is a petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of the FIR no. 40, dated 10.08.2011 for offence under Section 447, 427, 34 of IPC and Section 13-A of Punjab Village Common Land Regulation Act 1961, registered at Police Station Ghuman Kalan, District Gurdaspur, on the basis of compromise (Annexure P-3).

Notice of motion.

Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, Addl. AG, Punjab, on the asking of Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

Learned counsel for the petitioners undertakes to supply a copy of the petition to the learned Addl. AG, Punjab

during the course of the day.

Since the present petition is for quashing of FIR, the parties are directed to appear before the trial Court on 18.09.2014 or any other date convenient to the Court for recording their statements with regard to compromise. The trial Court is directed to record the statements of both the parties to his satisfaction to know its genuineness that the statements are not the result of any pressure or coercion in any manner. The trial Court is also directed to send a report along with statements of the parties with regard to validity or otherwise of the compromise effected between the parties and also intimate whether any criminal proceedings are pending against either of the parties or not before the next date of hearing.

Adjourned to 01.12.2014 for awaiting the report of the trial Court.”

Thereafter, the report of the Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Gurdaspur dated 15.11.2014 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.

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 petitioners.

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

January 06, 2015

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**(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE**