

IN THE PUNJAB & HARYANA HIGH COURT AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-30184-2013

Date of decision : 02.02.2015

Sukhdev Singh and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE REKHA MITTAL

Present: Mr.Dhirinder Chopra, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr.Ankur Jain, AAG, Punjab.

Mr.B.S.Saini, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

REKHA MITTAL, J.(ORAL)

The petitioners have prayed for quashing of FIR No.56 dated 16.04.2012, for offence under Sections 447, 379, 506, 148, 149 of the Indian Penal Code (in short "IPC") registered in Police Station Moonak, District Sangrur on the basis of compromise dated 29.07.2013 effected between the parties.

The parties were directed to appear before the trial Court on 04.07.2014 to get their statements recorded with regard to genuineness of compromise. Simultaneously, the trial Court was also directed to submit its report with regard to genuineness of the compromise arrived at between the parties.

A report has been submitted by the Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Moonak, 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 petitioners contends that the present case is a case of version and cross version and entire dispute between the parties has been settled by way of compromise. It is further submitted that the matter is still under investigation and in view of the fact that dispute has been amicably settled, there is remote possibility of the complainant or his witnesses to support cause of the prosecution in case the petitioners / accused are subject to trial.

Counsel for the State, on instructions from HC Jasbir Singh, has not disputed correctness of assertions of the petitioners that the matter is still under investigation and 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.56 dated 16.04.2012, for offence under Sections 447, 379, 506, 148, 149 IPC registered in Police Station Moonak, District Sangrur and proceedings emanating therefrom are ordered to be quashed, qua the petitioners.

(REKHA MITTAL)
JUDGE

February 02, 2015.
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