

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

**C.R.M-M No.27969 of 2014  
Date of Decision : 23.01.2015**

Harsimran Singh and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI**

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Present : Mr. Gurcharan Dass, Advocate  
for the petitioners.

Mr. A.P.S. Gill, A.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Vikas Bali, Advocate  
for the respondent No.2.

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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 21.08.2014 the following order was passed:-

*“This is a petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No. 23 dated 06.03.2014, under Sections 406, 498-A IPC, registered at Police Station, Women Cell, Ludhiana on the basis of compromise (Annexure P-3).*

*Since the present petition is for quashing of FIR, the parties are directed to be present before the Illaqa Magistrate on 09.09.2014 or any other date convenient to the Illaqa*

*Magistrate for recording their statements with regard to compromise. The Illaqa Magistrate is directed to record the statements of both the parties to his/her satisfaction to know its genuineness that the statements are not the result of any pressure or coercion in any manner. The Illaqa Magistrate 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 23.01.2015 for awaiting the report of the trial Court.”*

Thereafter, the report of the Civil Judge (Jr. Divn.)-cum-Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Ludhiana has been received whereby she has mentioned that the parties had appeared before her 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 23, 2015**

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**( AJAY TEWARI )  
JUDGE**