

4. Due to the intervention of respectables, elders and friends, a compromise has been arrived at between the parties on 19.11.2014. The parties wish to live in peace and harmony and put an end to the acrimony between them. These petitions have been filed on the basis of compromise.
5. This Court on 25.11.2014 in CRM-M-33321 of 2014 had directed the parties to appear before the Jurisdictional Magistrate, Malerkotla on 01.12.2014 to record their statements of the parties and to submit his report with regard to genuineness and correctness of the compromise allegedly entered into between the parties. Parties had been directed to appear for recording their statements in CRM-M-33191 of 2014 as well vide order dated 16.10.2014 and 14.11.2014.
6. Pursuant thereto the reports dated 19.11.2014 in both the cases have been received from the Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Malerkotla wherein it is observed that the settlement arrived at between the parties is genuine, entered into voluntarily without any threat, coercion or undue influence. Statement of all the affected and injured persons have been recorded. One to the accused Zora Singh is informed to have died. Copies of the statements are attached along with the respective reports.
7. Learned counsel for the petitioners in both the cases as well as the private respondents affirm and verify the factum of the settlement between the parties and state that the parties do not wish to pursue the matter any longer in view of the settlement arrived at between them. The parties belong to the same area. They do not wish to pursue the proceedings in order to maintain peace and harmony.
8. Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Bashir affirms and verifies the factum of the settlement of the parties.

9. In "**Kulwinder Singh and Others Vs. State of Punjab 2007 (3) RCR (CrI) 1052**", a five member Bench of this Court has observed as under:-

"The compromise, in a modern society, is the sine qua non of harmony and orderly behaviour. It is the soul of justice and if the power under Section 482 of the Criminal Procedure Code is used to enhance such a compromise which, it turn, enhances the social amity and reduces friction, then it truly is "finest hour of justice".

10. In view of the above, it would be in the interest of justice to quash the abovesaid petitions as no useful purpose will be served by continuing the present proceedings. It will only lead to wastage of the precious time of the Court and would be an exercise in futility as the chances of conviction are absolutely bleak.

11. These petitions are, thus, allowed and the aforesaid FIR No.153 dated 13.10.2007 registered under Sections 341, 323, 506, 120-B, 148, 149 IPC at Police Station Ahmedgarh District Sangrur as well as cross version DDR No.26 dated 13.10.2007 registered under Sections 341, 323, 506, 148, 149 of IPC and all the criminal proceedings emanating, therefrom, are hereby quashed on the basis of compromise.

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

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