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

**CRM-M No.37707 of 2014
Date of Decision: 26.03.2015**

PEHLAD AND OTHERS

.....Petitioners

Vs

STATE OF HARYANA & OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Mohit Garg, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Pradeep Prakash Chahar, D.A.G., Haryana.

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?***

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for quashing of FIR No.380 dated 16.05.2012 registered under Sections 147/148/323/452/354/506 IPC and Sections 3(i)(ii), 3(1)(2) of Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989 at Police Station Sadar Hisar, District Hisar on the basis of compromise.

This Court, on 12.11.2014 passed the following order:-

"Notice of motion for 22.01.2015.

In the meantime, parties are directed to get their statements recorded before the trial Court and the trial Court is directed to send the report with regard to validity or otherwise of the compromise, after recording the

statements of all the concerned parties before the next date of hearing”

In pursuance to the aforesaid order, both the parties appeared before the Additional District and Sessions Judge, Hisar and got their statements recorded in which they have fully endorsed the factum of compromise and stated that the compromise in question is voluntarily executed and is free from all coercion and pressure of any kind.

Additional District and Sessions Judge, Hisar, vide his report dated 09.01.2015, also endorsed the factum of compromise and opined that the compromise in question is genuine, voluntary and is the outcome of volition and free will of the parties.

This Court is of the opinion that in view of compromise between the parties, chances of conviction of the accused are remote and there is minimal chance of the witnesses coming forward to depose in support of prosecution version. In view of remote chances of conviction, it would be appropriate to exercise discretionary power of this Court under Section 482 Cr.P.C. to put an end to the controversy for all times to come. The compromise would facilitate both the parties to live in peace and to maintain public tranquility and offence in question is personal in nature and does not involve any heinous and serious offence of any mental depravity, nor it involves any offence covered under Prevention of Corruption Act. Therefore, when possibility of conviction is remote and bleak, continuation of criminal proceedings would put the accused to

oppression and prejudice. In such a situation the exercise of power to quash the proceedings would be in consonance with the provisions of law to meet ends of justice and to prevent unnecessary continuation of proceedings which may ultimately result in some unnecessary vagaries of criminal trial.

The State on notice, however, object to the aforesaid course, but in order to prevent unnecessary continuation of criminal proceedings on the ground that there are bleak chances of conviction in the case, this Court is of the opinion that it would be in fitness of things to quash the proceedings on the basis of compromise.

Resultantly, FIR No.380 dated 16.05.2012 registered under Sections 147/148/323/452/354/506 IPC and Sections 3(i)(ii), 3(1)(2) of Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989 at Police Station Sadar Hisar, Distt. Hisar and all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, are quashed.

March 26, 2015

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(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE