

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

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Crl. Misc. No. M 40138 of 2014 (O&M)
Date of decision: 06.01.2015

Harmesh Singh and others *Petitioners*

Versus

State of Punjab and another *Respondents*

Coram: Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Rekha Mittal

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Present: Mr. Madan Sandhu, Advocate for
Mr. R S Bedi, Advocate
for the petitioners

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1. Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the Reporter or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

Rekha Mittal, J.

Through the present petition filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (in short, 'the Code'), the petitioners have prayed for quashing of FIR No. 35 dated 05.05.2014 under Sections 452, 324, 323, 506 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code registered at Police Station Garhshankar District Hoshiarpur and proceedings emanating therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 11.05.2014 (Annexure P-2) arrived at between the parties.

Notice of motion.

On asking of Court, Mr. Gazi Mohammad, DAG, Punjab present in Court accepts notice on behalf of the State.

Vide order dated 25.11.2014, the parties were directed to

appear before the trial Court to get their statements recorded with regard to genuineness of compromise.

Pursuant thereto, a report has been submitted by the Sub Divisional Judicial magistrate, Garhshankar wherein it has been reported that statements of the parties have been recorded and that they have voluntarily compromised the matter.

Counsel for the State does not dispute genuineness of the compromise in view of the report of trial Court.

A perusal of allegations in the FIR reveals that the present case squarely falls in that 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 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 this view of the matter, the petition is allowed and FIR No. 35 dated 05.05.2014 under Sections 452, 324, 323, 506 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code registered at Police Station Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur and proceedings emanating therefrom stand quashed qua the petitioners.

(Rekha Mittal)
Judge

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