

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

CRM-M No.41902 of 2014

Date of Decision: 30.03.2015

Keshav Mittal & anotherPetitioners

Vs

State of Haryana & anotherRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Rakesh Dhiman, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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

Mr. Gautam Kaile, Advocate
Mr. B. Diwakar, Advocate,
for the respondent No.2.

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.112 dated 17.03.2012, registered under Sections 498-A, 406, 506, 34 IPC, at Police Station Central Faridabad, District Faridabad, on the basis of compromise.

This Court, on 09.12.2014 passed the following order:-

“Prayer in this petition is for quashing of FIR

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No.112, dated 17.03.2012 under Sections 406, 498-A and 506 read with Section 34, IPC, registered at Police Station, Central Faridabad, and all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of the compromise.

Notice of motion for 12.01.2015.

In the meantime, the affected parties would appear before the learned trial court on 23.12.2014 which shall record their respective statements with regard to the compromise and submit its detailed report in this regard alongwith copies of the statements to this Court on or before the adjourned date.”

In pursuance to the aforesaid order, both the parties appeared before the Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Faridabad 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.

Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Faridabad, vide his report dated 03.01.2015, 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

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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.112 dated 17.03.2012, registered under Sections 498-A, 406, 506, 34 IPC, at Police Station Central Faridabad, District Faridabad and all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, are quashed.

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(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE