

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

**Criminal Misc. No. M-42078 of 2014
Date of Decision:-13.7.2015**

Dr. Sukhdev Singh Lekhi

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

1. *Whether reporters of local newspapers may be allowed to see judgment?*
2. *To be referred to reporters or not?*
3. *Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

Present:- Mr. Ritesh Pandey, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. R.S. Nain, AAG Punjab
for respondent No.1-State.

Mr. Harsimranjit Singh, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Prayer in the present petition is for quashing of FIR No.244 dated 18.10.2014, under Sections 500 and 506 IPC and Section 66-A and 67 of the Information Technology Act, registered at Police Station Sadar, Amritsar (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising out of the same on the basis of compromise dated 25.10.2014 (Annexure P-2).

Vide order dated 02.2.2015, this Court has directed the parties to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court to get their

statements recorded and the learned Magistrate was directed to forward a report about the genuineness of the compromise to this Court.

In compliance of the order dated 2.2.2015, the parties have appeared before the learned Magistrate on 15.4.2015 for getting their statements recorded.

The report received from the learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, reveals that the parties have made an amicable settlement and have recorded their statements in the Court without any fear, apprehension, undue influence or coercion.

Learned counsel appearing for respondent No.2 does not dispute the fact of compromise effected between the parties.

Learned State counsel does not dispute the aforesaid factual position, rather admit the factum of compromise effected between the parties.

Heard.

Since the parties have entered into a compromise and learned Magistrate has recorded their statements followed by his report, continuation of the trial arising out from the impugned FIR and consequential proceedings would be sheer abuse of the process of law since chances of the conviction are bleak.

Keeping in view the factum of compromise effected between the parties and the law laid down by this Court in the case of **Kulwinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and another 2007(3) RCR (Crl.) 1052 (P & H)**, this petition is **accepted** and FIR No.244 dated 18.10.2014, under Sections 500 and 506 IPC and Section 66-A and 67 of the Information Technology Act, registered at Police Station Sadar,

Amritsar and the consequential proceedings arising therefrom are hereby
quashed qua petitioner.

July 13, 2015
Vijay Asija

(*HARI PAL VERMA*)
JUDGE