

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

C.R.M-M No.5333 of 2014

Date of Decision : 06.01.2015

Raju Billa @ Raj Kumar

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Ms. Bhupinder Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Deepak Garg, A.A.G., Punjab.

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?

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of F.I.R. No.5 dated 6.1.2014 registered under Sections 323, 324, 354, 506, 148, 149 IPC at Police Station Division No.4, District Ludhiana and all other consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise effected between the parties, which is annexed as Annexure P-2 with the petition.

On 16.09.2014 the following order was passed:-

“Adjourned to 6.1.2015.

Parties will be at liberty to move application before

the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate to get their statements recorded with regard to genuineness of compromise. On doing so, the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate will record their statements with regard to the compromise on the date fixed or some other date to be fixed by it and submit record to this Court by the next date by specifically stating whether the compromise is genuine and also state about the status/stage of the case. Learned Court shall also mention whether any of the accused is proclaimed offender or quashing sought is by all the accused.”

Thereafter, the report of the Civil Judge (Junior Division), Ludhiana dated 20.10.2014 has been received whereby she has mentioned that the parties had appeared before her and had attested to the fact that a compromise has indeed taken place between them and that the compromise has been executed voluntarily and without any pressure.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Gian Singh v. State of Punjab and another** reported as 2012(4) RCR(Criminal) 543 has discussed in detail the inherent powers of High Court in quashing a criminal proceeding or FIR or complaint where the parties have entered into compromise except the cases which involve offences such as murder, rape dacoity etc. as such offences are not private in nature and have serious impact on society.

In view of the above judicial pronouncement, I am of the considered opinion that continuation of criminal proceedings between the parties would be an abuse of the process of law and the present compromise is for their benefit and will bring peace and harmony between them.

Consequently, this petition is allowed and the above said FIR and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom are quashed qua petitioner.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending Criminal Misc. Application, if any, also stands disposed of.

January 06, 2015

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**(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE**