

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Misc. No. M-7998-2015
Date of decision: 21.07.2015

Paramjit Singh and others .. Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and another .. Respondents

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mahesh Grover

Present: Mr. Joginder Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.
Mr. Rupam Aggarwal, DAG, Punjab.
Ms. Aman Rani, Advocate for respondent no.2.

Mahesh Grover, J

This is a petition under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure praying for quashing of FIR No.24 dated 03.12.2014, under Sections 406 and 498-A IPC, registered at Police Station Woman Cell, Jagraon, District Ludhiana and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise.

On 12.03.2015, this Court had directed the Illaqa Magistrate to record the statements of all the affected persons and further record a finding as to whether the compromise has been effected voluntarily by the parties and a report in this regard was also called for.

That report has since been received along with copies of the statements of the affected persons which also indicates that the matter has been resolved amicably between the parties without any pressure from any quarter.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Gold Quest International Private Ltd. vs. State of Tamil Nadu and others, 2014(4) RCR (Criminal) 206** has held that the disputes which are substantially

matrimonial in nature, or the civil property disputes with criminal facets, if the parties have entered into settlement, and it has become clear that there are no chances of conviction, there is no illegality in quashing the proceedings under Section 482 Cr.P.C read with Article 226 of the Constitution.

The Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court hold in **Sube Singh and another v. State of Haryana and another**, 2013(4) RCR (Criminal) 102 that the High Court is vested with unparallel power to quash the criminal proceedings at any stage to secure the ends of justice.

Having regard to the aforesaid and the observations made by the Full Bench of this Court in **Kulwinder Singh v. State of Punjab** reported as 2007(3) Law Herald 2225 and of Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Gian Singh v. State of Punjab** reported as 2012(4) RCR (Criminal) 543, instant petition is accepted. Consequently, FIR No.24 dated 03.12.2014, under Sections 406 and 498-A IPC, registered at Police Station Woman Cell, Jagraon, District Ludhiana and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom qua the petitioners are hereby quashed.

21.07.2015

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**(Mahesh Grover)
Judge**