

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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Criminal Misc. No.M-19213 of 2016

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Date of decision:22.9.2016

Gurpreet Singh and others

.....Petitioners

v.

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

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**Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Inderjit Singh**

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Present: Mr. Karanjit Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. D.S. Virk, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab  
for the respondent-State.

Ms. Manjeet Kaur, Advocate for the complainant-respondent  
No.2.

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**Inderjit Singh, J.**

This petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. praying for quashing of FIR No.257 dated 23.11.2015 (Annexure-P.1) registered for the offences under Sections 452, 427, 506, 148 and 149 IPC and Section 3 of the Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act at Police Station Jandiala Guru, District Amritsar Rural and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom in view of the compromise (Annexure-P.2).

The FIR has been registered on the statement of complainant-Gurbhej Singh on the allegations that the accused-petitioners used derogative words against the caste of respondent No.2-complainant and also gave threat to life and damaged the gate of his house. Now with the

intervention of respectable persons, the matter has been amicably compromised between the parties and they have resolved their disputes and differences.

Keeping in view the fact that the parties have entered into a compromise, they were directed to appear before learned trial Court for getting their statements recorded in support of the compromise. After doing the needful, learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Amritsar has sent her report dated 13.7.2016 submitting that the compromise arrived at between the parties is without any pressure or coercion from any one and the same is genuine one.

Learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, on instructions from the Investigating Officer and learned counsel for the complainant-respondent No.2 admit the factum of compromise and submit that in case the parties have indeed settled their dispute, the State would have no objection to the quashing of the FIR in view of the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners as well as learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab and learned counsel for the respondent No.2 and have gone through the record.

In a decision, based on compromise, none of the parties is a loser. Rather, compromise not only brings peace and harmony between the parties to a dispute, but also restores tranquility in the society. After considering the nature of offences allegedly committed and the fact that both the parties have amicably settled their dispute, continuance of criminal

prosecution would be an exercise in futility, as the chances of ultimate conviction are bleak.

Therefore, keeping in view the fact that the matter has been amicably settled and in view of the law laid by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Gian Singh v. State of Punjab and another, 2012 (4) RCR (Cr.) 543, this petition is allowed and FIR No.257 dated 23.11.2015 (Annexure-P.1) registered for the offences under Sections 452, 427, 506, 148 and 149 IPC and Section 3 of the Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act at Police Station Jandiala Guru, District Amritsar Rural and all subsequent proceedings arising out of the same are hereby quashed.

September 22, 2016.

**(Inderjit Singh)**  
**Judge**

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| <b>NOTE:</b> | Whether speaking/reasoned: | Yes |
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