

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.264

CRM-M-22706-2016

Date of decision : 22.09.2016

GAURAV BHATNAGAR AND OTHERS

....Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr.V.K.Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. P.S. Paul, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. J.S. Blau, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

AJAY TEWARI, J (Oral)

Prayer in the present petition, filed under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C, is for quashing of FIR No.0055, dated 01.03.2016, registered under Sections 457/380/511 of the IPC, at Police Station Kotwali Faridkot, District Faridkot on the basis of a compromise, arrived at between the parties.

Pursuant to the order of this Court dated 12.07.2016 report dated

29.08.2016 from CJM, Faridkot has been received attesting to the fact that

the matter has been compromised between the parties.

Counsel for the parties have also stated that in fact the matter has been compromised between the parties amicably. Counsel for the State has also confirmed this fact and states that there is no other case pending between the parties.

In view of the facts, noticed herein above, it is apparent that both the parties have arrived at a bona fide settlement. I am of the opinion that it would be in the interest of justice, as also in the interest of parties, if the present FIR and all subsequent proceedings, emanating therefrom are quashed. It is a fit case where this Court should exercise jurisdiction, under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C to put an end to these futile criminal proceedings.

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, the present petition is allowed and FIR No.0055, dated 01.03.2016, registered under Sections 457/380/511 of the IPC, at Police Station Kotwali Faridkot, District Faridkot and all subsequent proceedings, emanating therefrom, are quashed.

September 22, 2016
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No