

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

**C.R.M-M No.28810 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 22.11.2016**

Sukhdev Singh and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. N.S.Chahal, Advocate for
Mr. J.S.Brar, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Ashish Sanghi, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Hemraj Bhardwaj, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

On 22.08.2016 the following order was passed :-

“This is a petition, filed under Section 482, Cr.P.C., for quashing of FIR No.2, dated 04.01.2014, under Sections 420, 447, 427, 148, 149 and 120-B, IPC and Sections 25, 27, 54, 59 of the Arms Act, registered at Police Station, Lakhewali, District Muktsar, on the basis of compromise (Annexure P-4).

Notice of motion.

Ms.Amarjit Kaur Khurana, Addl.AG, Punjab, on the asking of the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Learned counsel for the petitioner undertakes to supply a copy of the petition to the learned Addl.AG during the course of the day.

Since the present petition is for quashing of FIR on the basis of compromise, the parties are directed to be present before the trial Court on 27.09.2016 or any other date convenient to the Court for recording their statements with regard to compromise. The trial Court is directed to record the statements of both the parties to its satisfaction to know its genuineness that the statements are not the result of any pressure or coercion in any manner. The trial Court is also directed to send a report along with statements of the parties with regard to validity or otherwise of the compromise effected between the parties and also intimate whether any criminal proceedings are pending against either of the parties or not before the next date of hearing.

Adjourned to 22.11.2016 for awaiting the report of the trial Court.”

Thereafter, the report of the Additional Civil Judge (Senior

Division)-cum-SDJM, Malout dated 02.11.2016 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.

Learned Deputy Advocate General has also accepted this fact.

The 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 the petitioners.

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

22.11.2016

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**(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No