

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

Criminal Misc.No.M-30648 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 07th November, 2016

Manpreet Singh alias Mannu and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. K.B.S.Mann, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Ashish Sanghi, DAG, Punjab
for the respondent(s)-State.

Mr. Vivek Goel, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No.78 dated 26.08.2015, registered under Sections 342, 341, 323, 34 IPC, at Police Station Kabarwala, Tehsil Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise between the parties.

On 01.09.2016, the following order was passed:-

“This petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C for quashing of FIR No. 78 dated 26.8.2015 (Annexure P-1) under Section 342/341/323/34 IPC registered at Police Station Kabarwala Tehsil Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib on the basis of compromise.

Notice of motion.

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At the asking of the Court Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, Additional Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State.

Learned counsel for the petitioner undertakes to supply copy of the paper book to the learned counsel for the respondents during the course of the day.

To come up on 7.11.2016.

In the meantime, the parties are directed to be present before the trial Court on the date fixed which is stated to be 20.9.2016 or on any other date convenient to the Court for recording their statements with regard to compromise. The 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 Court is further directed to send report along with the statements of the parties with regard to validity or otherwise of the compromise effected between the parties and also intimate whether any criminal case and proclamation proceedings pending against either of the parties before the next date of hearing.”

Thereafter, the report of the Civil Judge (Junior Division) cum Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Malout dated 14.10.2016 has been received. In the report, he has mentioned that the aforesaid parties have appeared before him and has attested to the fact that a compromise has indeed taken place and that the compromise has been executed voluntarily and without any pressure.

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

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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 petitioners.

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

07th November, 2016
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No