

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

Crl. Misc. M 4088 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of decision: 6.10.2016

Satpal Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Arshdeep K. Kaler, DAG, Punjab.

Ms. Preeti Gupta, Advocate,
for respondent No.2.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking for quashing of FIR No. 354-A dated 21.3.2015 (Annexure P/1) registered under Section 354-A IPC at Police Station Jaurkian, District Mansa and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom in view of the compromise (Annexure P/2).

The FIR has been registered on the statement of complainant—
Dr. Priti Gupta on the allegations that when she was standing at the Bus Stand, the accused petitioner came there and asked her why she was standing there. She replied that she is going to Mansa and how he is concerned with all this. On this the petitioner held her arm and said come and sit on her motor cycle and he will take her to Mansa. However, on seeing Ram Gopal, the petitioner ran away from there.

Keeping in view the fact that the parties have entered into a compromise, they were directed to appear before Illaqa Magistrate for getting their statements recorded in support of the compromise. In pursuance of the direction, a report has been received from the Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Sardulgarh, stating that the compromise arrived at between the parties is without any pressure or coercion from any one and the same is genuine one.

Learned Deputy 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 petitioner as well as learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab and learned counsel for complainant-respondent No.2 and have gone through the record.

In a decision, based on compromise, none of the parties is a loser. Rather, a 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.

Consequently, keeping in view the fact that the dispute has

been amicably settled and in view of the law laid by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Gian Singh Versus State of Punjab and another, 2012 (4) RCR (Cr.) 543, this petition is allowed and FIR No. 354-A dated 21.3.2015 (Annexure P/1) registered under Section 354-A IPC at Police Station Jaurkian, District Mansa and all subsequent proceedings arising out of the same are quashed.

The petition stands disposed of.

6.10.2016

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
Yes/No