

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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Criminal Misc. No.M-6022 of 2016

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Date of decision:28.3.2016

Harpreet Kaur and another

.....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. Imran Farooqi, Advocate for Mr. Parveen K. Garg,
Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Arshdeep S. Klar, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab for the
respondent-State.

Mr. Ritesh Pandey, Advocate for 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.36 dated 30.5.2015 (Annexure-P.2) registered for the offence under Section 380 IPC at Police Station Qilla Lal Singh Batala, District Gurdaspur and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom in view of the compromise (Annexure-P.3).

The FIR has been registered on the statement of complainant-Punjab Singh on the allegations that the accused-petitioners had stolen ₹25,000/- from the Almirahs and gold weighting 7 Tolas. Complainant's brother-in-law Amandeep Singh had returned ₹15,000/- to the complainant and also assured to return the remaining amount and gold. Now with the

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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, Batala, has sent her report dated 10.3.2016 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 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 petitioners 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, 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

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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.36 dated 30.5.2015 (Annexure-P.2) registered for the offence under Section 380 IPC at Police Station Qilla Lal Singh Batala, District Gurdaspur and all subsequent proceedings arising out of the same are hereby quashed.

March 28, 2016.

(Inderjit Singh)
Judge

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