

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

**Criminal Misc.No.M-9687 of 2015 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 22nd September, 2016**

Sandeep Singh Grewal and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : None for the petitioners.

Mr. K.S.Pannu, DAG, Punjab
for respondent No.1-State.

Mr. Jatinder Nagpal, Advocate
for respondent Nos.2 and 3.

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No.81 dated 25.09.2011, registered under Sections 323, 341, 356, 506, 148, 149 IPC, lateron added Section 66 A(6) of Information and Technology Act and 3 (i)(x) of SC and ST Act, at Police Station Meharban, District Ludhiana and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise between the parties.

On 21.07.2016, the following order was passed:-

“Separate affidavits of respondents No.2 & 3 filed in Court today are taken on record.

On request of learned counsel for the petitioner, adjourned to 22.09.2016.

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In the meantime, let the parties appear before the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate, Ludhiana on 22.08.2016 or any other date convenient to the Magistrate for recording their statements with regard to compromise. The Magistrate is directed to record the statements of both the parties to his satisfaction to know its genuineness that the statements are not the result of any pressure or coercion in any manner. The Magistrate 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.”

Thereafter, the report of Civil Judge (Junior Division)-cum-Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Ludhiana, dated 23.08.2016 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 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.

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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.

22nd September, 2016

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**(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No