

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

CRM-M-26234 of 2017

Date of Decision: September 29, 2017

Parminder Singh @ Prince and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Rishu Mahajan Advocate
for the petitioner.
Ms.Simranjeet Kaur, Assistant Advocate
General, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J.

Petitioners have filed the present petition under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for quashing of FIR No. 172 dated 15.12.2012 under Sections 323,324,341 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code,1860 ('IPC' for short) registered at Police Station B Division Amritsar (Anneuxre P1) and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise dated 28.12.2012 (Annexure P2) .

Vide order dated 24.7.2017, a direction was given to the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate to record the statements of the parties and submit a report regarding the genuineness of the compromise effected between the parties and also to intimate whether any other case is pending

against either of the parties and if any proceeding to declare any accused proclaimed offender is pending or not.

In pursuance thereof, the trial Court has submitted a report dated 22.8.2017 (forwarded by the District and Sessions Judge, Amritsar on 23.8.2017), after recording the statements of the parties, that the complainant-Simranjit Singh @ Simran and accused-Parminder Singh @ Prince, Gurmeet Singh @ Vinj and Kulbir Singh @ Rebo have appeared along with their respective counsel, who had identified them and got their statements recorded acknowledging that the compromise had been effected voluntarily, without any coercion or any undue influence. It is further submitted by the trial Court that none of the petitioners are declared proclaimed offenders.

Perusal of allegations in the FIR reveals that the present case squarely falls in the category of cases that can be quashed by the High Court, in exercise of its inherent power under Section 482 of the Code. Keeping in view authoritative enunciation of law laid down by Hon'ble the Supreme Court of India in "**Gian Singh vs State of Punjab and another**", 2012(4) R.C.R. (Criminal) 543 and in the light of facts and circumstances of the present case, this Court is of the considered opinion that continuation of criminal proceedings would amount to abuse of process of law and it is expedient in the interest of justice that criminal proceedings are put to an end.

As per the Full Bench judgement of this Court in **Kulwinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab, 2007 (3) RCR (Criminal) 1052**, High Court has power under Section 482 Cr.P.C. to allow

the compounding of non-compoundable offence and quash the prosecution where the High Court felt that the same was required to prevent the abuse of the process of any Court or to otherwise secure the ends of justice. This power of quashing is not confined to matrimonial disputes alone.

Since the parties have arrived at a compromise and have decided to live in peace, no useful purpose would be served in allowing the criminal proceedings to continue.

Accordingly, this petition is allowed. FIR No. 172 dated 15.12.2012 under Sections 323,324,341 read with Section 34 of the IPC registered at Police Station B Division Amritsar (Annexure P1) and all the consequential proceedings, arising therefrom, are ordered to be quashed.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No