

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

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Crl. Misc. M 28024 of 2016
Date of decision: 06.04.2017

Baljinder Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

Coram: Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Rekha Mittal

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Present: Mr. G S Bawa, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. Mikhail Kad, AAG, Punjab

None for respondent No. 2

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Rekha Mittal, J.

Through the present petition filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (in short, 'Cr.P.C.'), the petitioner prays for quashing of FIR No.14 dated 04.02.2015 for offence punishable under Section 498-A of the Indian Penal Code (in short, 'IPC') registered with Police Station Raja Sansi, Amritsar Rural, District Amritsar and proceedings emanating therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 05.08.2016 (Annexure P-2) arrived at between the parties.

Counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner and respondent No. 2 have settled their dispute by way of compromise deed dated 05.08.2016.

Vide order dated 09.01.2017, the parties were directed to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate to get their statements recorded with regard to genuineness of compromise.

Pursuant thereto, a report has been submitted by the Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Ajnala, wherein it has been reported that statements of the parties have been recorded and they have voluntarily compromised the matter.

Counsel for the State does not dispute genuineness of the compromise in view of report of Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Ajnala.

There is no representation on behalf of respondent No. 2.

A perusal of allegations in the FIR reveals that the present case squarely falls in that category of cases which can be quashed by the High Court, in exercise of its inherent power under Section 482 Cr.P.C. Keeping in view the authoritative enunciation of law laid down by Hon'ble the Supreme Court in '*Gian Singh v. 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.

In this view of the matter, the petition is allowed and FIR No.14 dated 04.02.2015 for offence punishable under Section 498-A IPC registered with Police Station Raja Sansi, Amritsar Rural, District Amritsar and proceedings emanating therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 05.08.2016, stand quashed qua the petitioner.

(Rekha Mittal)
Judge

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
whether reportable : Yes/No