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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No. 29422 of 2017
Date of Decision: 11.10.2017

Ajay Kumar Agarwala and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Gurmail Singh Duhan, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

In this petition, the petitioners, who are accused in F.I.R. No. 372, dated 22.10.2013, under Sections 407/409/418/420/120-B of the Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Matlauda, District Panipat, (Annexure P-1), have prayed for quashing of F.I.R. with all subsequent proceedings pending in the Court of the Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Panipat, on the basis of compromise.

[2]. With the intervention of respectable and elderly people of the society, the complainant has arrived at a settlement with the accused vide Compromise Deed/Settlement (Annexure P-12), which is duly signed by

him. The matter was referred to the Court below for recording of statements of the parties and to report with respect to genuineness of the compromise arrived at between the parties. The Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Panipat, vide report dated 04.10.2017, has apprised this Court that the compromise arrived at between the parties is genuine and without any pressure.

[3]. Respondent No. 2 is not present nor he is represented by his counsel. However, he has made a statement on 29.09.2017, before the Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Panipat, whereby he has admitted the factum of compromise with the accused out of his free will, consent and without any pressure or coercion from any side.

[4]. In view of the report of the Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Panipat, and in view of the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in "*Gian Singh Vs. State of Punjab and another*", 2012(4) RCR (Criminal) 543 and "*Narinder Singh and Others Vs. State of Punjab and Another*", (2014) 6 SCC 466, this Court is of the opinion that no useful purpose can be served by keeping with the criminal proceedings pending, since the complainant has himself compromised the dispute with the petitioners/ accused persons.

[5]. In the circumstances, the present petition is allowed. F.I.R. No. 372, dated 22.10.2013, under Sections 407/409/418/420/120-B of the Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Matlauda, District Panipat, (Annexure P-1), and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed on the basis of compromise qua the present petitioners.

11.10.2017

Apurva

(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

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| 1. Whether speaking/ reasoned : | Yes/ No |
| 2. Whether reportable : | Yes/ No |