

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

**CRM-M-29523-2017
Date of decision: 13.12.2017**

Karan & others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Sanjeev Manhas, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. A. S. Dhaliwal, DAG, Punjab.

None for respondents No. 2 and 3.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking quashing of FIR No. 78 dated 21.11.2016, registered under Sections 363, 366-A and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code at Police Station Dhilwan, District Kapurthala and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom in view of the compromise entered into between the parties.

The aforesaid FIR was registered on the statement of respondent No. 3 who is the father of respondent No. 2. It was alleged that petitioner No. 1 Karan in connivance with other petitioners enticed away his daughter, who was below the age of 18 years, to get her married with him. However, now with the intervention of respectable persons, the dispute has been amicably settled between the parties and they have entered into a compromise. In fact, petitioner No. 1 and respondent No. 2, daughter of the

complainant, have solemnized marriage and they are residing together.

Keeping in view the fact that the parties have entered into a compromise, they were directed to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate for getting their statements recorded in support of the compromise. In pursuance of the direction, a report has been received from JMIC at Kapurthala, stating that the compromise arrived at between the parties is without any pressure or coercion from any one and the same appears to be genuine one.

Mr. A. S. Dhaliwal, DAG, Punjab, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, admits to the factum of compromise and submits 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 rival parties and gone through the record.

In a decision, based on compromise, none of the parties is a loser. Rather, a 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 prosecution would be an exercise in futility, as the chances of ultimate conviction are bleak.

Consequently, keeping in view the fact that the dispute has been amicably settled and in view of the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Narinder Singh & others vs. State of Punjab & another, (2014) 6 SCC 466*, this petition is allowed and FIR No. 78 dated 21.11.2016,

registered under Sections 363, 366-A and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code at Police Station Dhilwan, District Kapurthala and all subsequent proceedings arising out of the same are quashed qua the petitioners.

The petition stands disposed of.

13.12.2017

Waseem Ansari

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No