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

**CRM-M No. 34346 of 2017
Date of Decision: 06.11.2017**

Vipandeep Kaur and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Guninder Singh Brar, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, A.A.G., Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

In this petition, the petitioners, who are accused in F.I.R. No. 14, dated 04.03.2017, under Sections 379-B and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Gidderbaha, (Annexure P-1), have prayed for quashing of F.I.R. with all subsequent proceedings on the basis of compromise.

[2]. With the intervention of respectables and elderly people of the society, the complainant has arrived at a settlement with the accused vide Affidavit (Annexure P-2), 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 Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Gidderbaha, vide report dated 25.10.2017, 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 09.10.2017, before the Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Gidderbaha, whereby he has admitted the factum of compromise with the accused persons voluntarily and without any pressure or coercion. The compromise has been arrived at between the parties before completion of investigation. From the Affidavit of the complainant (Annexure P-2), it transpires that the parties and their families were known to each other. Petitioner No. 1 is alleged to have taken away the complainant's money bag with her in a filth of anger, although she "did not have any knowledge that there was any money in the bag". In the given circumstances, clearly this does not appear to be a case of professional snatching or such nature, which has the potential of affecting the public at large.

[4]. In view of the report of the Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Gidderbaha, 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. 14, dated 04.03.2017, under Sections 379-B and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Gidderbaha, (Annexure P-1), and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed on the basis of compromise qua the present petitioners.

06.11.2017

Apurva

**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

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