

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

**CRM-M No. 41689 of 2016(O&M)**  
**Date of decision: 2.2.2017**

Sulkahan Singh and another ....Petitioners

## VERSUS

State of Punjab and others ..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE REKHA MITTAL**

Present: Mr. Vishal Munjal, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Navdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Akash Sethi, Advocate for  
Mr. R.S. Rawat, Advocate for respondent No.2.

**REKHA MITTAL, J.(Oral)**

By invoking Section 482 Cr.P.C., the petitioners have prayed for quashing of FIR No.60 dated 24.09.2014 for offence punishable under Section 354 read with Section 34 (and Section 354-D added later) of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 registered at Police Station Taragarh, District Pathankot and proceedings emanating therefrom on the basis of affidavit with regard to compromise (Annexure P-3) arrived at between the parties.

In the present case, the FIR was registered on the statement of Manjit Kaur daughter of Sarabjit Singh. Now, dispute between the parties has been resolved by way of compromise and affidavit in regard thereto is Annexure P-3.

Vide order dated 21.11.2016, the parties were directed to appear before the trial Court to get their statements recorded with regard to genuineness of compromise.

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

Counsel for the State and respondent No.2 have not disputed that the parties i.e. petitioners and respondent No.2 (complainant) have arrived at a settlement with an intent to give burial to their differences.

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 Cr.P.C. Keeping in view 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 discussed hereinbefore, 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 the same are put to an end.

For the foregoing reasons, the petition is allowed, FIR No.60 dated 24.09.2014 under Section 354 read with Section 34 and (Section 354-D IPC added later) registered at Police Station Taragarh District Pathankot and proceedings emanating therefrom stand quashed qua the petitioners.

**FEBRUARY 2, 2017**

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**(REKHA MITTAL)**

**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned :

yes/no

Whether reportable :

yes/no