

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

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Crl. Misc. M 43218 of 2016

Date of decision: 18.05.2017

Jagdeep Singh Sandhu and others

..... *Petitioners*

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....*Respondents*

Coram: Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Rekha Mittal

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Present: Mr. P C Dhiman, Advocate
for the petitioners

Mr. Mikhail Kad, AAG, Punjab

Mr. Varun Baanth Advocate
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 petitioners have prayed for quashing of FIR No. 04 dated 04.02.2016 for offence punishable under Sections 498-A, 406, 420 and 313 read with Section 120-B of the Indian Penal Code (in short, 'IPC') registered with Police Station Goindwal Sahib, District Tarn Taran and proceedings emanating therefrom on the basis of compromise arrived at between the parties.

Counsel for the petitioners states that marriage between petitioner No. 1 and respondent No. 2 already stands dissolved under Section 13-B of the Hindu Marriage Act vide judgment dated 19.09.2016 passed by the Additional District Judge, Tarn Taran.

Vide order dated 03.12.2016, the parties were directed to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court to get their statements recorded with regard to genuineness of compromise.

Pursuant thereto, a report has been submitted by the Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Khadur Sahib 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 the Court below.

Counsel for respondent No. 2 has conceded to the position.

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. 04 dated 04.02.2016 for offence punishable under Sections 498-A, 406, 420 and 313 read with Section 120-B IPC registered with Police Station Goindwal Sahib, District Tarn Taran and proceedings emanating therefrom on the basis of compromise arrived at between the parties stand quashed qua the petitioners.

(Rekha Mittal)
Judge

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