

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

CRM -M-44837 of 2016

Date of Decision: 9.3.2017

Gurmej Singh @ Geja @ Gurdit Singh

---Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and another

---Respondents

Coram: Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Rekha Mittal

Present: Mr. SPS Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. Mikhail Kad, AAG, Punjab

Mr. Ripu Daman Singh, Advocate
for respondent No.2

Rekha Mittal, J.

By invoking Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (in short, 'Cr.P.C.'), the petitioner has prayed for quashing of FIR No. 214 dated 14.9.2016 for offence punishable under Section 354 of the Indian Penal Code (in short, 'IPC') registered in Police Station, Sadar Ferozepur, District Ferozepur and proceedings emanating therefrom on the basis of affidavit dated 29.10.2016 (Annexure P-1).

In the present case, the FIR was registered on the statement of Sukhchain Singh son of Ajaib Singh. Now, dispute between the parties has been resolved by way of affidavit (Annexure P-1).

Vide order dated 15.12.2016, the parties were directed to appear before the trial Court/Illaqu Magistrate to get their statements

recorded with regard to genuineness of compromise.

Pursuant thereto, a report has been submitted by Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Ferozepur 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. petitioner 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 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.

For the foregoing reasons, the petition is allowed and FIR No. 214 dated 14.9.2016 for offence punishable under Section 354 of the Indian Penal Code (in short, 'IPC') registered in Police Station, Sadar Ferozepur, District Ferozepur and proceedings emanating therefrom stand quashed qua the petitioner.

(Rekha Mittal)
Judge

9.3.2017

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