

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

CRM-M-8412 of 2015(O&M)

Date of Decision:28.4.2017

Parveen Joshi and another

---Petitioners

vs.

State of Punjab and another

---Respondents

Coram: Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Rekha Mittal

Present: Mr. Raghav Kapur, Advocate
for the petitioners
Mr. Mikhail Kad, AAG, Punjab
Ms. Khushmeet Dhillon, Advocate
for Mr. A.S.Manaise, Advocate
for respondent No. 2

Rekha Mittal, J.

By invoking Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (in short, 'Cr.P.C.'), the petitioners have prayed for quashing of FIR No. 96 dated 20.9.2014 for offence punishable under Section 498-A of the Indian Penal Code (in short, 'IPC') registered at Police Station, Sadar Gurdaspur, District Gurdaspur and proceedings emanating therefrom on the basis of compromise/settlement dated 9.5.2013 (Annexure P-4) arrived at between the parties.

In the present case, the FIR was registered on the statement of Rita alias Sonia daughter of Bishan Das. Now, dispute between the parties has been resolved by way of compromise/settlement (Annexure P-4).

Vide order dated 6.2.2017, the parties were directed to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate to get their statements recorded with regard to genuineness of compromise/settlement.

Pursuant thereto, a report has been submitted by Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Gurdaspur (Duty) wherein it has been reported that statements of the parties have been recorded and that 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 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. 96 dated 20.9.2014 for offence punishable under Section 498-A IPC registered at Police Station, Sadar Gurdaspur, District Gurdaspur and proceedings emanating therefrom stand quashed qua the petitioners.

(Rekha Mittal)
Judge

28.4.2017
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No