

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

**CRM-M No. 8707 of 2017
Date of Decision: 24.08.2017**

Pardeep Khurmi

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Lakhwinder Singh, Advocate,
 for the petitioner.

 Mr. S.S. Cheema, A.A.G., Punjab.

 Mr. Davinder Dhillon, Advocate,
 for respondents No. 2 and 3.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

In this petition, the petitioner, who is accused in F.I.R. No. 255, dated 07.09.2015, under Sections 420, 406 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, Sections 465, 467, 468 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code (added later on), and under Sections 4 and 5 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2012, registered at Police Station City Barnala, District Barnala, (Annexure P-1), has prayed for quashing of F.I.R. with all subsequent proceedings pending in the Court of the Additional District and Sessions Judge, Barnala, on the basis of compromise.

[2]. During pendency of petition, the complainants have arrived at a settlement with the accused vide Compromise Deed (Annexure P-2), which is duly signed by them. 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 Additional District and Sessions Judge, Barnala, vide report dated 06.05.2017, has apprised this Court that the compromise arrived at between the parties is genuine and without any pressure.

[3]. Respondents No. 2 and 3 are represented by their counsel.

[4]. In view of the report of Additional District and Sessions Judge, Barnala, 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 complainants have themselves compromised the dispute with the petitioner/accused person.

[5]. In the circumstances, the present petition is allowed. F.I.R. No. 255, dated 07.09.2015, under Sections 420, 406 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, Sections 465, 467, 468 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code (added later on), and under Sections 4 and 5 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2012, registered at Police Station City Barnala, District Barnala, (Annexure P-1), and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed only qua the petitioner.

24.08.2017

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(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

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