

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

**CRM NO. M-12918 OF 2018
DATE OF DECISION : 30.05.2018**

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...Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present : Mr. Arun Gupta, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Singh Sandhu, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking quashing of FIR No. 13 dated 24.01.2017 under Section 153-A IPC (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and Section 125 in the Representation of the People Act, 1951 registered at Police Station Moga City, District Moga (Annexure P-1), along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise arrived at between the parties.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that allegations in the FIR would not prima-facie constitute an offence under Section 153-A IPC. However, the matter has now been compromised.

A co-ordinate Bench of this Court by the order dated 27.03.2018, had directed the parties to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court for recording their statements with regard to

veracity of the compromise. The Chief Judicial Magistrate, Moga, has sent his report dated 30.04.2018, wherein it is stated that in pursuance to the order of this Court, statements of the parties were recorded. As per the statements, compromise has been effected without any fear or undue influence.

The matter has now been compromised between the parties.

In view of the law laid down in "**Narinder Singh Vs. State of Punjab**" 2014 (6) SCC 466, no useful purpose will be served by continuing the criminal proceedings. Therefore, the petition is allowed and FIR No. 13 dated 24.01.2017 under Section 153-A IPC (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and Section 125 in the Representation of the People Act, 1951 registered at Police Station Moga City, District Moga and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed qua the petitioners only.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

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