

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

CRM-M No.13704 of 2017 (O&M)
Date of decision: 21.08.2018

Balwan Singh and others

...Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI

Present: Mr. Gaurav Pathania Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. M.S. Naryal, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Vishal Munjal, Advocate
for respondents No.2 and 3.

RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI, J.(Oral)

By invoking Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the petitioners have prayed for quashing of FIR No.51 dated 17.09.2009 for the offences punishable under Sections 452, 323, 324, 148, 149 of the Indian Penal Code (for short 'IPC') registered at Police Station Narot Jaimal Singh, District Gurdaspur and subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 21.03.2017 (Annexure P-2).

In the present case, the FIR was registered on the statement of Avinash Sharma son of Prem Sharma. Now, dispute between the parties has been resolved.

Vide order dated 22.02.2018, the parties were directed to appear before the learned trial court to get their statements recorded with regard to genuineness of compromise.

Pursuant thereto, a report has been submitted by the Additional District and Sessions Judge, Pathankot wherein it has been reported that statements of the parties have been recorded and compromise entered between

the parties is appears to be genuine and voluntarily.

Learned counsel for the State as well as learned counsel for respondents No.2 and 3 have not disputed that the parties i.e. petitioners, respondent No.2 (complainant) and respondent No.3, 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 the category of cases that can be quashed by the High Court, in exercise of its inherent power under Section 482 Cr.P.C. Keeping in view 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 discussed hereinbefore, 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 the same are put to an end.

For the foregoing reasons, the petition is allowed, FIR No.51 dated 17.09.2009 for the offences punishable under Sections 452, 323, 324, 148, 149 of the Indian Penal Code (for short 'IPC') registered at Police Station Narot Jaimal Singh, District Gurdaspur and subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise stands quashed qua the petitioners.

August 21, 2018
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(RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	yes/no
Whether reportable	:	yes/no