

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

CRM-M No.16520 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of decision: 06.08.2018

Yadwinder Singh

...Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI

Present: Mr. A.S. Ahluwalila, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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

Mr. Abhinav Gupta, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI, J.(Oral)

By invoking Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the petitioner has prayed for quashing of FIR No.26 dated 02.03.2018 for offence punishable under Sections 466 of the Indian Penal Code (for short 'IPC') and Section 67 of Information and Technology Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Bathinda, District Bathinda, Punjab and subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 12.04.2018 (Annexure P-2).

In the present case, the FIR was registered on the statement of Jaspreet Kaur daughter of Baldev Singh. Now, dispute between the parties has been resolved.

Vide order dated 15.05.2018, 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 Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Bathinda wherein it has been reported that statements of the parties have been recorded and compromise entered between the parties is

genuine, voluntarily, without any undue pressure, threat or coercion.

Learned counsel for the State as well as learned counsel for respondent No.2 have not disputed that the parties i.e. petitioner, 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 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.26 dated 02.03.2018 for offence punishable under Sections 466 IPC and Section 67 of Information and Technology Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Bathinda, District Bathinda, Punjab stands quashed qua the petitioner.

August 06, 2018
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(RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI)
JUDGE

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