

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

CRM-M No.18018 of 2018 (O&M)

Date of decision: 24.07.2018

Naunihal Singh

...Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI

Present: Mr. Yashpal Marken, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. N.S. Diwana, Advocate
for respondents No.2 and 3.

RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI, J.(Oral)

By invoking Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the petitioner has prayed for quashing of FIR No.134 dated 09.11.2011 for offence punishable under Sections 279, 337, 338 and 427 of the Indian Penal Code (for short 'IPC'), registered at Police Station Machhiwara, Police District Khanna and subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 07.03.2012 (Anneuxre P-2/T).

In the present case, the FIR was registered on the statement of Joginder Singh son of Harjit Singh. Now, dispute between the parties has been resolved.

Vide order dated 01.05.2018, the parties were directed to appear before the trial court/Illaq Magistrate to get their statements recorded with regard to genuineness of compromise.

Pursuant thereto, a report has been submitted by the Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Samrala through the District and Sessions Judge, Ludhiana wherein it has been reported that statements of the parties have been

recorded and compromise entered between the parties is genuine, voluntarily and without any threat or coercion.

Learned counsel for the State as well as counsel for respondents No.2 and 3 have not disputed that the parties i.e. petitioner, 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.134 dated 09.11.2011 for offence punishable under Sections 279, 337, 338 and 427 IPC, registered at Police Station Machhiwara, Police District Khanna and proceedings emanating therefrom stand quashed qua the petitioner.

July 24, 2018
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(RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI)
JUDGE

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