

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

CRM-M No. 18301 of 2015

Date of decision: 29.01.2018

Lakha Singh and others

...Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI

Present: Mr. Vishal Sodhi, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Sr. DAG, Punjab..

Mr. G.S. Sirphikhi, Advocate
for respondent No. 2.

RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI, J.(Oral)

By invoking Section 482 Cr.P.C., the petitioners have prayed for quashing of the cross-case registered u/s 326,323,354,34 IPC vide rapat No.27 dated 19.06.2013(Annexure P-1) in FIR No. 29 dated 17.06.2013 for offence punishable under Sections 326/324/323/148/149 of the Indian Penal Code registered in Police Station Sekhwan, Police District Batala, District Gurdaspur and proceedings emanating therefrom on the basis of affidavits with regard to compromise (Annexures P-2) arrived at between the parties.

In the present case, the cross-case was registered on the statement of Inderjit Kaur w/o Joga Singh. Now, dispute between the parties has been resolved by way of compromise Annexures P-2.

Vide orders dated 12.02.2016 and 30.05.2016, the parties were directed to appear before the trial Court to get their statements recorded with regard to genuineness of compromise.

Pursuant thereto, a report has been submitted by the Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Batala wherein it has been reported that from the statements of the parties recorded, it appears that the parties have entered

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into compromise without any pressure, coercion and same has done with the free consent of the parties.

Counsel for the State and respondent No. 2 has not disputed that the parties i.e. petitioners and respondent No.2(complainant) has 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, cross-case registered u/s 326,323,354,34 IPC vide rapat No.27 dated 19.06.2013 (Annexure P-1) in FIR No. 29 dated 17.06.2013 for offence punishable under Sections 326/324/323/148/149 of the Indian Penal Code registered in Police Station Sekhwan, Police District Batala, District Gurdaspur and proceedings emanating therefrom stand quashed qua the petitioners.

JANUARY 29, 2018
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(RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : yes/no

Whether reportable : yes/no