

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

**Criminal Misc.No.M-33543 of 2017 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 12.02.2018**

Baj Singh alias Gurbaj Singh and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI

Present : Mr. B.S.Aulakh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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

None for respondent No.2.

RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI, J. (Oral)

By invoking Section 482 Cr.P.C., the petitioners have prayed for quashing of FIR No.65 dated 20.05.2016, registered under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC at Police Station City Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib 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 FIR was registered on the statement of Surjit Singh son of Kartar Singh. Now, dispute between the parties has been resolved by way of compromise Annexures P-2.

Vide order dated 11.09.2017, 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 Sub

Divisional Judicial Magistrate Malout wherein it has been reported that statements of the parties have been recorded and they have voluntarily compromised the matter.

Counsel for the State has not disputed that the parties i.e. petitioner and 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.65 dated 20.05.2016, registered under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC at Police Station City Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib and proceedings emanating therefrom stand quashed qua the petitioners.

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(RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No