

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

CRM-M-6326-2016 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 08.03.2018

Lal Singh

. . . Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

. . . Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI

Present: Mr. Siddharth Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Karanbir Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Naina Issar, Advocate for
Mr. Harvinder Sharma, Advocate
for respondent Nos.2 and 3.

Raj Shekhar Attri, J. (Oral)

By invoking Section 482 Cr.P.C., the petitioner has prayed for quashing of FIR No.5 dated 11.01.2014 for offence punishable under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code (for short 'IPC') and Section 82 (a) of Registration Act, 1908 registered at Police Station Phul, District Bathinda and proceedings emanating therefrom on the basis of compromise (Annexures P-2) arrived at between the parties.

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In the present case, the FIR was registered on the statement of Parkash Singh son of Jaggar Singh. Now, dispute between the parties has been resolved by way of compromise Annexures P-2.

Vide order dated 10.11.2015, 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, Phul, wherein it has been reported that statements of the parties recorded and compromise entered between the parties is genuine, voluntarily and out of free will and no accused has been declared as proclaimed offender in this case.

Counsel for the State and respondent Nos.2 and 3 have not disputed that the parties i.e. petitioner, respondent Nos.2 and 3 (complainant party) 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

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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.5 dated 11.01.2014 for offence punishable under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code (for short 'IPC') and Section 82 (a) of Registration Act, 1908 registered at Police Station Phul, District Bathida and proceedings emanating therefrom stand quashed qua the petitioner.

[RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI]
JUDGE

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Whether Speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No