

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-48390-2017 (O&M)
Date of Decision :- 17.05.2018

Lakhwinder Singh @ Lakha and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S. MADAAN

Present:- Mr. T.S. Sidhu, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Rakeshinder Singh Sidhu, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Sukhmani Patwalia, Advocate,
for respondents No.2 to 4.

H.S. MADAAN, J. (ORAL)

CRM-16810-2018

This is an application for placing on record certain documents.

Heard.

Application is allowed, subject to just exceptions. Documents are taken on record.

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Accused Jagdev Singh @ Jagga to whom injury which had been declared dangerous to life was attributed, has since expired.

It is stated that both the parties are next door neighbours and they want to live in peace and harmony in future. They have settled the dispute amicably after registration of the FIR.

Petitioners – Lakhwinder Singh @ Lakha and others have brought the instant petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No. 67 dated 12.07.2014, for offences under Sections 341, 323, 324, 148 and 149 IPC and

Sections 326 and 307 IPC (added later on) registered at Police Station Sadar Bathinda, District Bathinda, against them, alongwith consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise, stated to have been effected between them and complainants Sukhdev Singh, Jagjit Singh and Gurlabh Singh - arrayed as respondents No.2 to 4.

When the petition came up for hearing on 19.12.2017, notice of motion was ordered to be issued. Mr. Bikramjit S. Patwalia, Advocate, had put in appearance on behalf of respondents No.2 to 4. Then in light of the contention that parties have since effected compromise, they were directed to put in appearance before the trial Court to get their statements recorded with regard to compromise and the trial Court was directed to send a report to this Court.

Report has been received from Additional Sessions Judge, Bathinda, through District and Sessions Judge, Bathinda, in terms of which complainants - Sukhdev Singh, Jagjit Singh and Gurlabh Singh and accused, namely, Lakhwinder Singh @ Lakha, Charanjit Singh, Pargat Singh and Gurdeep Kaur had appeared there and their statements were recorded, in terms of which they have admitted to have entered into a voluntary compromise, with free will, without any pressure, threat or undue influence. Further complainants have stated that they have no objection if the FIR in question is quashed by this Court. There is nothing on record to doubt the genuineness of the compromise so arrived at between the parties. Alongwith the report, statement of the complainants and all the accused, in original, have been annexed.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned State counsel, besides going through the record.

The dispute between the parties has been resolved amicably, which appears to have been arrived at between them voluntarily without any threat or

coercion and in terms of ratio of the authority reported as **Kulwinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and others** 2007 (3) RCR (Criminal) 1052, where in para 28, it has been held as under :-

“The compromise, in a modern society, is the sine qua non of harmony and orderly behaviour. It is the soul of justice and if the power under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C. is used to enhance such a compromise which, in turn, enhances the social amity and reduces friction, then it truly is “*finest hour of justice*”.”

It has been observed that High Court has power to quash prosecution in order to achieve ends of justice and to prevent abuse of process of law. Though such powers are unlimited but those are to be exercised sparingly and with utmost care and caution. Though there is no statutory bar which can effect the inherent power of High Court under Section 482 Cr.P.C.

The compromise is in interest of peace and tranquility in the society and for such like reasons this Court can quash the FIR and ancillary proceedings exercising power under Section 482 Cr.P.C., it appears to be a fit case to exercise such powers.

Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the abovesaid FIR alongwith ancillary proceedings are hereby quashed.

(H.S. MADAAN)
JUDGE

17.05.2018
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No