

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

CRM-M-5034-2018

Date of Decision :- 03.04.2018

Hussan Lal and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Vishwajeet Singh, Advocate, for
Mr. Keshav Pratap Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Rakeshinder Singh Sidhu, AAG, Punjab.

None for respondent No.2.

H.S. MADAAN, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners – Hussan Lal and others have brought the instant petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No. 114 dated 08.12.2011, for offences under Sections 324, 323, 326, 447, 427, 506, 511, 120-B, 148, 149 IPC and Section 3(i)(x) of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities Act) 1989, registered at Police Station Balachaur, District SBS Nagar, against them, alongwith consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise, stated to have been effected between them and complainant Seeto Devi - arrayed as respondent No.2.

When the petition came up for hearing on 19.02.2018, notice of motion was ordered to be issued. The respondent No. 1 - State of Punjab through State counsel, whereas respondent No.2 through Shri Nandan Jindal, Advocate, had put in appearance. 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, SBS Nagar, in terms of which complainant Seeto Devi and accused, namely, Hussan Lal, Data Ram, Lal Bahadur, Charanjit Singh, Balwinder Kumar, Sukhdev Singh, Vijay Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Vas Dev, Sarabjit Singh, Sethi, Surinder Singh @ Sonu Thakur, Manish Kumar @ Micky, Soni Rana @ Laddi, Parmanand and injured Gurwinder Singh 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, whereas statement of Tajinder Singh @ Teja was recorded on 28.03.2018 in the trial Court and it has been stated in their statements that injured Kulwinder Singh had died. Further complainant has stated that she has 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. It has been reported that no accused has been declared proclaimed offender in the FIR in question. Alongwith the report statement of the complainant 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

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