

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

CRM-M-5143-2018 (O&M)

Decided on: 11.09.2018

Sukul Mahendru

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. S.S. Walia, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Saurabh Gulia, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

H.S. MADAAN, J (ORAL)

Petitioner – Sukul Mahendru has brought the instant petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No. 183 dated 14.08.2017, for offences under Sections 406 and 498-A of IPC, registered at Police Station-1, Mohali, against him, alongwith consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise, stated to have been effected between him and complainant Raveena - arrayed as respondent No.2.

When the petition came up for hearing on 07.02.2018, notice of motion was ordered to be issued. 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 Sub Chief Judicial Magistrate,

SAS Nagar, Mohali, through District and Sessions Judge, SAS Nagar, in

terms of which complainant Raveena and accused, namely, Sukul Mahendru 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, coercion or undue influence. 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 the accused, in original, have been annexed.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner, 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.

A bank draft in the sum of Rs.3 lakhs has been handed over by learned counsel for the petitioner to learned counsel for the complainant-respondent No.2. A copy thereof has been placed on file, which be taken on record.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Pritpal Singh, states that challan has not been filed so far and the FIR is at the stage of investigation.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that a decree of divorce under Section 13-B of the Hindu Marriage Act has been granted to Sukul Mahendru and Raveena on 08.08.2018.

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 is hereby quashed.

(H.S. MADAAN)
JUDGE

11.09.2018

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No