

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc.No.M-5457 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of decision : 21.04.2018

Pritpal Singh Chatha

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI

Present: Mr. Varun Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Karanbir Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. N.A.Mahajan, Advocates
for respondent No.2.

RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI, J.(Oral)

By invoking Section 482 Cr.P.C., the petitioner has prayed for quashing of FIR No.109 dated 18.05.2016, registered under Sections 406, 420, 120-B IPC at Police Station Division No.7, Jalandhar and proceedings emanating therefrom on the basis of compromise (Annexures P-2) arrived at between the parties.

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

Vide order dated 08.02.2018, the parties were directed to appear before the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate to get their statements recorded with regard to genuineness of compromise.

Pursuant thereto, a report has been submitted by the Chief

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

Counsel for the State and respondent No. 2 have 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.109 dated 18.05.2016, registered under Sections 406, 420, 120-B IPC at Police Station Division No.7, Jalandhar and proceedings emanating therefrom stand quashed qua the petitioner.

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(RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI)
JUDGE