

CRM-M- 8960 of 2017

Date of Decision: 23.02.2018.

MALKEET SINGH AND OTHERS

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS.

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI

Present: Mr. Neeraj Madan, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Karanbir Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. D.K. Sihag, Advocate for respondent Nos.2 and 3.

RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI, J. (ORAL)

By invoking Section 482 Cr.P.C., petitioners have prayed for quashing of FIR No. 204 dated 26.08.2014 under Sections 365, 323, 506, 148 and 149 of India Penal Code registered in Police Station Sadar Fazilka, District Fazilka (Annexure P-1) and proceedings emanating therefrom on the basis of compromise(Annexure P-2) arrived at between the parties.

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

Vide order dated 06.04.2017, the parties were directed to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court to get their statements recorded with regard to genuineness of compromise.

Pursuant thereto, a report has been submitted by the Chief

Judicial Magistrate, Gurdaspur wherein it has been reported that statements

of the parties have been recorded and they have voluntarily compromised the matter. As such the compromise is genuine, voluntary and without any coercion or undue influence.

Counsel for the State and respondent Nos.2 and 3 have not disputed that parties i.e. petitioner and respondent Nos.2 and 3 (complainants) 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 vs. State of Punjab and another' 2012 (4) R.C. R. (Criminal) 543 and in the light of facts and circumstances discussed hereinabove, 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. 204 dated 26.08.2014 under Sections 365, 323, 506, 148 and 149 of India Penal Code registered in Police Station Sadar Fazilka, District Fazilka (Annexure P-1) and proceedings emanating therefrom stand quashed qua the petitioners.

(RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI)
JUDGE

February 23, 2018

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