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

**CRM-M-6595 of 2018
Date of Decision:23.03.2018.**

Sukhwinder Singh & anr.**...Petitioners****Versus****State of Punjab & anr.****...Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI**

Present: Mr. P.K.S. Phoolka, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Karanvir Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Davinder Kumar, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI, J. (ORAL)

By invoking Section 482 Cr.P.C., petitioners have prayed for quashing of FIR No. 171 dated 18.08.2017 for offence punishable under Sections 341, 323, 34 of India Penal Code, registered at Police Station Civil Lines, Bathinda, District Bathinda, (Annexure P-1) and proceedings emanating therefrom on the basis of compromise arrived at between the parties.

In the present case, the FIR was registered on the statement of Gurdev Singh Son of Mohinder Singh. Now, dispute between the parties has been resolved by way of compromise.

Vide order dated 16.02.2018, the parties were directed to appear before the 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, Bathinda, 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 qua the petitioners.

Counsel for the State and respondent No.2 have not disputed that parties i.e. petitioners 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 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. 171 dated 18.08.2017, under Sections 341, 323, 34 of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Civil Lines Bathinda, District Bathinda, (Annexure P-1) and proceedings emanating therefrom stands quashed qua the petitioners.

(RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI)
JUDGE

March 23, 2018

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Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No