

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

CRM-M-8433-2018

Decided on: 30.04.2018

Karandeep Heera @ Raja and another

.... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. S.K. Virk, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Rakeshinder Singh Sidhu, AAG, Punjab.

None for respondent No.2.

H.S. MADAAN, J (ORAL)

Petitioners – Karandeep Heera @ Raja and Gurbhej Singh have brought the instant petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No. 288 dated 15.12.2017, for offences under Sections 452, 323, 427, 506, 148 and 149 IPC, registered at Police Station Meharban, District Ludhiana, against them, alongwith consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise, stated to have been effected between them and complainant Jaspal Singh - arrayed as respondent No.2.

Though as per FIR, there are 3 accused, i.e. Raja son of Kulvir Singh, who is petitioner No.1, having actual name Karandeep Heera, Gurmail Singh son of Santokh Singh, who is petitioner No.2 having actual name of Gurbhej Singh as well as one Sindri son of Deep Singh resident of Ekta Colony besides 7 and 8 unidentified youngsters. Whereabouts of Sindri are statedly not known. The matter is still being investigated. In the FIR, the allegation against Sindri are that he alongwith others caught hold of complainant and giving pushes and slaps to him besides broken the household articles.

In view of the compromise arrived at between petitioners and respondent No.2, in my opinion the delinking role of Sindri, FIR qua the petitioners can be ordered to be quashed.

When the petition came up for hearing on 27.02.2018, notice of motion was ordered to be issued for today itself. 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 Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Ludhiana through District and Sessions Judge, Ludhiana, in terms of which complainant-Jaspal Singh and accused, namely, Karandeep Heera @ Raja and Gurbhej 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. Further complainant has stated that he 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. 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