

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

CRM-M-4503-2019 (O&M)

Date of decision: March 26, 2019

Sanjeev Kumar and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI

Present: Mr. Naveen Bawa, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Sharad Sangwan, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI, J.(ORAL)

By invoking Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the petitioners have prayed for quashing of FIR No.113 dated 25.10.2017, under Section 498-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short 'IPC'), registered at Police Station Sadar Moga, District Moga and subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise (Annexure P-2).

In the present case, the FIR was registered on the statement of Ranjeet Kaur wife of Sanjeev Kumar. Now, dispute between the parties has been resolved.

Vide order dated 31.01.2019, the parties were directed to appear before the learned trial court/illaqa magistrate to get their statements recorded with regard to genuineness of compromise.

Pursuant thereto, a report has been submitted by the learned | Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Moga, wherein it has been reported that statements of the parties have been recorded and compromise entered between the parties is genuine, voluntary, with their own free will, without any pressure, coercion or undue influence from any quarter.

Learned State counsel as well as learned counsel for respondent No.2 have not disputed that the parties i.e. petitioners, respondent No.2, 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. Consequently, FIR No.113 dated 25.10.2017, under Section 498-A IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Moga, District Moga and subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise stands quashed qua petitioners.

March 26, 2019
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(RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	yes/no
Whether reportable	:	yes/no