

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-9355-2019

Date of Decision:-16.05.2019.

Rakesh Sharma

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI

Present: Mr. Munish Puri, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Sandeep Saini, Advocate for respondent Nos.2 and 3.

RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI, J.

By invoking Section 482 Cr.P.C., the petitioner has prayed for quashing of FIR No.56 dated 14.06.2017 under Sections 384/354-A/354-D/509 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 67 of the Information Technology Act, 2000, registered at Police Station Shahpurkandi, District Pathankot 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 Daljit Singh Katoch. Now, dispute between the parties has been resolved by way of compromise Annexure P-2.

Vide order dated 01.03.2019, 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, Pathankot wherein it has been reported that statements of the parties have been recorded and they have voluntarily compromised the matter, without any coercion or pressure.

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, 384/354-A/354-D/509 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 67 of the Information Technology Act, 2000, registered at Police Station Shahpurkandi, District Pathankot and proceedings emanating therefrom stand quashed qua the petitioner.

(RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI)
JUDGE

May 16, 2019.

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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:-

Yes / No.