

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.12234 of 2019

Date of Decision: 22.05.2019.

Vivek Singh

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI

Present: Mr. Hitesh Pandit, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, AAG, Punjab.

None for respondent No.2.

RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI J. (ORAL)

By invoking Section 482 Cr.P.C., the petitioner has prayed for quashing of FIR No.260 dated 06.12.2013, under Sections 406, 498-A and 494 of the Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Mataur, Mohali, Punjab 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 Naina Toor daughter of Col. Balbir Singh Toor. Now, dispute between the parties has been resolved by way of compromise (Annexure P-2).

Vide order dated 18.03.2019, 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 Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, SAS Nagar (Mohali), 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 has not disputed that the parties i.e. petitioner and 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, FIR No.260 dated 06.12.2013, under Sections 406, 498-A and 494 of the Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Mataur, Mohali, Punjab and proceedings emanating therefrom stand quashed qua the petitioner.

(RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No