

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-29410-2018
Date of Decision:-20.05.2019.

Harjeet Singh and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI

Present: Mr. Amaninder Singh Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Gurpal Singh Sandhu, 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.01 dated 02.01.2017 under Sections 498-A, 406 of the Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station City/Kotwali, Faridkot, District Faridkot and proceedings emanating therefrom, on the basis of compromise (Annexures P-2 and P-3) arrived at between the parties.

In the present case, the FIR was registered on the statement of Gurbachan Singh Sandhu, son of Sh. Hardeep Singh. Now, dispute between the parties has been resolved by way of compromise Annexures P-2 and P-3.

Vide order dated 17.07.2018, 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, Faridkot 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.

As per the report, compromise is genuine. Petitioner-Harjeet Singh has also submitted that divorce proceedings has been allowed and placed on record the photocopy of the order dated 04.01.2019, passed by learned District Judge, Family Court, Faridkot.

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 the 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.01 dated 02.01.2017 under Sections 498-A, 406 of the Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station City/Kotwali, Faridkot, District Faridkot and proceedings emanating therefrom stand quashed qua the petitioners.

(RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:-

Yes / No.