

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-15373-2019

Date of Decision:14.05.2019

Dilbagh Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr.Maneet Kumar Arya, Advocate for the petitioners.
Mr.Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J.

The petitioners have approached this Court by way of instant petition under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (for short ('Cr.P.C.)) invoking its inherent jurisdiction for quashing of Complaint No.48 dated 26.07.2013 lodged under Sections 326, 324, 323, 379, 506, 427, 342, 148 and 149 of the Indian Penal Code ('IPC' for short) before Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Batala, District Gurdaspur and the consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise (Annexure P-2).

Notice of motion was issued.

In compliance of the order dated 03.04.2019 passed by this Court, the parties got their statements recorded before the learned trial court. Consequently, a report dated 04.05.2019 sent by the learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Batala, has been received which is available on record of the case along with the statements of the parties. Learned Magistrate has reported that the parties have made their statements voluntarily and without any pressure. The compromise arrived at between the parties has been found

to be a genuine one.

After hearing the learned counsel for the parties and going through the record of the case, this Court is of the considered opinion that it is a fit case for exercising the inherent jurisdiction of this Court under Section 482 Cr.P.C., so as to secure the ends of justice because the parties have arrived at an out of the Court settlement by way of compromise (Annexure P-2). The compromise is without any pressure and a genuine one. In such a situation, continuation of the prosecution would result in sheer abuse of process of law.

For the aforesaid view, this Court finds support from **Kulwinder Singh and others Vs. State of Punjab and another, 2007(3) RCR (Criminal) 1052**, upheld by Hon'ble Apex Court in **Gian Singh Vs. State of Punjab and others (2012) 10 SCC 303**,

Considering the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case noted above, coupled with the reasons aforementioned and to secure the ends of justice, Complaint No.48 dated 26.07.2013 lodged under Sections 326, 324, 323, 379, 506, 427, 342, 148 and 149 IPC before Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Batala, District Gurdaspur and the consequential proceedings arising therefrom are ordered to be quashed, however, qua the petitioner(s) only.

Resultantly, with the above-said observations made, the instant petition stands allowed.

14.05.2019
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No