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

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Date of Decision:13.12.2019

Balbir Singh and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Vivek K. Thakur, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. M.S.Nagra, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Gulshan Kumar Moudgil, Advocate,
for respondents No.2 and 3.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

This petition has been filed for quashing of FIR No.07 dated 19.01.2018, registered at Police Station Begowal, District Kapurthala, under Sections 324, 354, 34 and 506 IPC, and all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise dated 23.03.2019 (Annexure P-3) arrived at between the parties.

In compliance of the order dated 29.10.2019, the petitioners and respondents No.2 and 3 are present in the Court today and duly identified by their respective counsel.

Respondents No.2 and 3, present in the Court, have not

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disputed the factum of compromise with the petitioners.

It is stated that respondent No.2-Sarabjit Singh, is the nephew of petitioners No.1 and 2 and cousin of petitioner No.3.

Learned State counsel submits that on 12.11.2018, cancellation report was prepared, but somehow could not be placed before the Court.

The Hon'ble Full Bench of this Court in case ***Kulwinder Singh vs. State of Punjab and another, 2007(3) RCR (Criminal) 1052*** and Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court in case ***Sube Singh and another vs. State of Haryana and another, 2013(4) RCR (Criminal) 102*** observed that compounding of offence can be allowed even after conviction, during proceedings of the appeal against conviction pending in Sessions Court and in case of involving non-compoundable offence.

The Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of ***Gian Singh Versus State of Punjab and another. 2012(4) RCR (Criminal) 543*** has held as under:-

“57. The position that emerges from the above discussion can be summarised thus: the power of the High Court in quashing a criminal proceeding or FIR or complaint in exercise of its inherent jurisdiction is distinct and different from the power given to a criminal court for compounding the offences under Section 320 of the Code. Inherent power is of wide plenitude with no statutory limitation but it has to be exercised in accord with the guideline engrafted in such power viz; (i) to secure the ends of justice or (ii) to prevent abuse of the process of any Court. In what cases power to quash the criminal proceeding or complaint or F.I.R. may be exercised where the offender and victim have settled their dispute would depend on the facts and circumstances of each case and no category can be prescribed. However, before exercise of such power, the High Court must have due regard to the nature and gravity of the crime. Heinous and serious offences of mental depravity or offences like murder, rape, dacoity, etc. cannot be fittingly quashed even though the victim or

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victim's family and the offender have settled the dispute. Such offences are not private in nature and have serious impact on society. Similarly, any compromise between the victim and offender in relation to the offences under special statutes like Prevention of Corruption Act or the offences committed by public servants while working in that capacity etc; cannot provide for any basis for quashing criminal proceedings involving such offences. But the criminal cases having overwhelmingly and predominatingly civil flavour stand on different footing for the purposes of quashing, particularly the offences arising from commercial, financial, mercantile, civil, partnership or such like transactions or the offences arising out of matrimony relating to dowry etc. or the family disputes where the wrong is basically private or personnel in nature and the parties have resolved their entire dispute. In this category of cases, High Court may quash criminal proceedings if in its view, because of the compromise between the offender and victim, the possibility of conviction is remote and bleak and continuation of criminal case would put accused to great oppression and prejudice and extreme injustice would be caused to him by not quashing the criminal case despite full and complete settlement and compromise with the victim. In other words, the High Court must consider whether it would be unfair or contrary to the interest of justice to continue with the criminal proceeding or continuation of the criminal proceeding would tantamount to abuse of process of law despite settlement and compromise between the victim and wrongdoer and whether to secure the ends of justice, it is appropriate that criminal case is put to an end and if the answer to the above question(s) is in affirmative, the High Court shall be well within its jurisdiction to quash the criminal proceeding.”

Though as per the procedure, the parties were to be relegated to the learned trial Court/Illaq Magistrate for recording their respective statements in support of the compromise arrived at between them, yet keeping in view fact that respondents No.2 and 3, present in the Court, do not dispute the factum of compromise and further the counsel for the parties state that the petitioners have not been declared proclaimed offenders, I find that no useful purpose would be served in allowing the criminal proceedings

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to continue.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. FIR No.07 dated 19.01.2018, registered at Police Station Begowal, District Kapurthala, under Sections 324, 354, 34 and 506 IPC, and all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, are quashed qua the petitioners on the basis of compromise dated 23.03.2019 (Anenxure P-3)

Needless to say that the parties shall remain bound by the terms of compromise and their statements made in the Court below.

13.12.2019

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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Note:	Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
	Whether reportable	:	Yes/No