

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

CRM-M-17242-2019 (O&M)

Date of Decision : 24.5.2019

Sheela Masih and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. J.S.Mahal, Advocate
 for the petitioners.

Mr. Ramandeep Sandhu, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Mr. M.S.Bajwa, Advocate
for respondents No.2 to 4.

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of F.I.R. No.11 dated 10.2.2015 registered under Sections 324, 323, 34 IPC at Police Station Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur and all other consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise effected between the parties.

On 12.4.2019 the following order was passed :-

“The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of F.I.R. No.11 dated 10.2.2015 registered under Sections 324, 323, 34 IPC at Police Station Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur and all other consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise effected between the parties.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent No.1 and Mr. M.S.Bajwa, Advocate has entered appearance on behalf of the respondents No.2 to 4..

Counsel for the petitioner undertakes to supply requisite copy of the paper book to the opposite parties during the course of the day.

To come up on 24.5.2019. Meanwhile, the parties are directed to be present before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court on 26.4.2019 or on any other date convenient to the Court for recording their statements with regard to compromise. The Court is directed to record the statements of both the parties to its satisfaction to know its genuineness that the statements are not the result of any pressure or coercion in any manner. The Court is further directed to send report along with the statements of the parties with regard to validity or otherwise of the compromise effected between the parties and also intimate whether any criminal case and proclamation proceedings is pending against either of the parties before the next date of hearing.”

Thereafter, the report of the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Gurdaspur dated 8.5.2019 has been received whereby he has mentioned that the parties had appeared before him and had attested to the fact that a compromise has indeed taken place between them and the compromise is genuine, valid and without any pressure or coercion in any manner and neither any accused has been declared proclaimed offender nor P.O. proceedings are pending against the accused.

Learned Sr.DAG on instructions from ASI Jagdish Singh has

accepted these facts.

The Supreme Court in **Gian Singh v. State of Punjab and another** reported as 2012(4) RCR(Criminal) 543 has discussed in detail the inherent powers of High Court in quashing a criminal proceeding or FIR or complaint where the parties have entered into compromise except the cases which involve offences such as murder, rape dacoity etc. as such offences are not private in nature and have serious impact on society.

In view of the above judicial pronouncement, I am of the considered opinion that continuation of criminal proceedings between the parties would be an abuse of the process of law and the present compromise is for their benefit and will bring peace and harmony between them.

Consequently, this petition is allowed and the above said FIR and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom are quashed qua the petitioners.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending Criminal Misc. Application, if any, also stands disposed of.

24.5.2019

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**(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No