

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

CRM-M-17376-2019 (O&M)

Date of decision: 3.7.2019

Sukhwinder Singh Matwana and another

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI

Present: Mr. J.S.Thakur, Advocate,
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Rana Harjasdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab

Ms. Surinder Kaur , Advocate,
for the complainant.

RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI, J.

By invoking Section 482 Cr.P.C., the petitioner(s) has prayed for quashing of FIR No. 42 dated 17.3.2017 for offence punishable under Sections 498-A of the Indian Penal Code registered at Police Station Adampur, District Jalandhar Rural and proceedings emanating therefrom on the basis of compromise (Annexures P-2) arrived at between the parties.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that respondent No.3 is not a necessary party and it be deleted from the array of the parties. On oral request of the counsel for the petitioner, respondent No.3 is deleted from the array of the parties.

In the present case, the FIR was registered on the statement of Ramandeep Kaur wife of Mohan Singh. Now, dispute between the parties has been resolved by way of compromise Annexures P-2.

Vide order dated 22.4.2019, 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 Chief Judicial Magistrate (NRI Court), Jalandhar wherein it has been reported that statements of the parties have been recorded and they have voluntarily compromised the matter without any pressure or coercion.

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 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. 42 dated 17.3.2017 for offence punishable under Sections 498-A of the Indian Penal Code registered at Police Station Adampur, District Jalandhar Rural and proceedings emanating therefrom stand quashed qua the petitioner(s).

July 3, 2019

Paritosh Kumar

**(RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	yes/no
Whether reportable	:	yes/no