

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM M-20141-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 22.07.2019

Prateek Thakur and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

U.T. Chandigarh and another

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI

Present : Mr. A.K.Walia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gautam Dutt, APP. for U.T., Chandigarh.

None for respondent No.2.

RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI, J. (Oral)

By invoking Section 482 Cr.P.C., the petitioners have prayed for quashing of FIR No. 26 dated 09.04.2018 for offence punishable under Section 498-A of the Indian Penal Code registered in Women Police Station, Chandigarh along with all consequential proceedings emanating therefrom on the basis of compromise (Annexure P-2) arrived at between the parties.

In the present case, the FIR was registered on the statement of respondent No.2/complainant Amarpreet Kaur. Now, dispute between the parties has been resolved by way of compromise (Annexure P-2).

Vide order dated 03.05.2019, 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 Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Chandigarh 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 has 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. 26 dated 09.04.2018 for offence punishable under Section 498-A of the Indian Penal Code registered in Women Police Station, Chandigarh and all the proceedings emanating therefrom stand quashed qua the petitioners.

(RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable :

Yes/No
Yes/No