

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

CRM-M-46124-2018 (O&M)

Date of decision : 03.05.2019

Atul Kumar @ Atul Ranchal and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Gagandeep Singh Sirphikhi, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Ramdeep Pratap Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Ms. Shuchi Sodhi, Advocate for respondent No.2.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

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 FIR No.122 dated 15.07.2018 registered under Sections 406/420 of the Indian Penal Code ('IPC' for short), at Police Station City Batala, Police District Batala, District Gurdaspur and the consequential proceedings arising therefrom.

Notice of motion was issued.

In compliance of the order dated 16.01.2019 passed by this Court, the parties got their statements recorded before the learned trial court. Consequently, a report dated 25.03.2019 sent by the learned Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, 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.

Learned counsel for the petitioners as well as learned counsel for the State are ad idem that none of the petitioners is proclaimed offender.

After hearing the learned counsel for the parties and after 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 Court settlement by way of compromise. 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**, approved 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, FIR No.122 dated 15.07.2018 registered under Sections 406/420 of the Indian Penal Code ('IPC' for short), at Police Station City Batala, Police District Batala, District Gurdaspur and the consequential proceedings arising therefrom are ordered to be quashed, however, qua the petitioners only.

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

03.05.2019

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No