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

**CRM-M-48047-2018
Date of Decision : 12.03.2019**

Jagmeet Singh and another**..... Petitioners**

Versus

State of Punjab and others**..... Respondents****CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI**

Present : Mr. Anil Kumar Garg, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Ravi Singh, Advocate
for respondents No. 2 and 3.

RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI, J. (Oral)

By invoking Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the petitioners have prayed for quashing of FIR No. 75 dated 26.09.2018, under Sections 498-A, 406, 420 of the Indian Penal Code (for short 'IPC') registered at Police Station Women, District Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana along with all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise deed dated 20.09.2017 (Annexure P-2).

In the present case, the FIR was registered on the statement of Harjit Singh, respondent No. 2. However, the dispute has now been settled amicably between the parties.

Vide order dated 07.01.2019, the parties were directed to appear before the learned trial court/Illaqha Magistrate to get their statements recorded with regard to genuineness of compromise.

Pursuant thereto, a report has been submitted by the learned Civil

Judge (Jr. Divn.)-cum-Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Ludhiana wherein it has been reported that statements of the parties have been recorded and compromise entered between the parties is voluntarily, out of their own free will and without any threat or coercion from any side.

Learned counsel for the State as well has not disputed that the parties i.e. petitioners, 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 and FIR No. 75 dated 26.09.2018, under Sections 498-A, 406, 420 of the Indian Penal Code (for short 'IPC') registered at Police Station Women, District Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana and subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise stands quashed qua petitioners.

12th March, 2019
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(RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>