

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

CRM-M-54028-2018 (O&M)

Date of decision: February 11, 2019

Raj Kumar and another

...Petitioners

Versus

UT Chandigarh and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI

Present: Mr. Manjit Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Vinay Begra, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Amit Kumar Goyal, APP, UT Chandigarh.

Mr. Abhivadya Sood, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI, J.(ORAL)

By invoking Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the petitioners have prayed for quashing of FIR No.55 dated 06.06.2017, under Sections 406, 498-A of the Indian Penal Code (for short 'IPC'), registered at Police Station Women Cell, District Chandigarh and subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 11.09.2017(Annexure P-3).

In the present case, the FIR was registered on the statement of Manju wife of Raj Kumar. Now, dispute between the parties has been resolved.

Vide order dated 06.12.2018, the parties were directed to appear before the learned trial court/illqa magistrate to get their statements recorded with regard to genuineness of compromise.

Pursuant thereto, a report has been submitted by the learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Chandigarh wherein it has been reported that statements of the parties have been recorded and compromise entered between the parties is voluntarily, without any pressure, coercion or threat from any side.

Learned counsel for the State as well as learned counsel for respondent No.2 have 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.55 dated 06.06.2017, under Sections 406, 498-A IPC, registered at Police Station Women Cell, District Chandigarh and subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise stands quashed qua petitioners.

February 11, 2019
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(RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI)
JUDGE

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