

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

CRM-M-54048-2018 (O&M)

Date of decision : 27.05.2019

Jagdev Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Navjot Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Ramdeep Pratap Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Sanjeev Bishnoi, 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.3 dated 05.01.2016 registered under Sections 406, 420 and 506 of the Indian Penal Code ('IPC' for short), at Police Station Sirhind, District Fatehgarh Sahib and the consequential proceedings arising therefrom.

Notice of motion was issued.

In compliance of the order dated 03.04.2019 passed by this Court, the parties got their statements recorded before the learned trial court. Consequently, a report dated 02.05.2019 sent by the learned District and Sessions Judge, Fatehgarh Sahib has been received which is available on record of the case along with the statements of the parties. Learned District and Sessions Judge 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.

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.3 dated 05.01.2016 registered under Sections 406, 420 and 506 of the Indian Penal Code ('IPC' for short), at Police Station Sirhind, District Fatehgarh Sahib 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.

27.05.2019

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No