

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-27968-2019 (O&M)
Date of decision: 20.08.2019

Satnam Singh and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present:- Mr. Avtar S. Khinda, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Harjinder Singh, 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.172 dated 20.09.2004 registered under Sections 452, 323, 341, 148, 149 of the Indian Penal Code (for short 'IPC'), at Police Station City Kapurthala, District Kapurthala and the consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise (Annexure P-2).

Notice of motion was issued.

In compliance of the order dated 04.07.2019 passed by this Court, the parties got their statements recorded before the learned trial Court. Consequently, a report dated 31.07.2019 sent by the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kapurthala, has been received which is available on record of the case along with the statement 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 petitioner as well as learned counsel for the State are ad idem that none of the petitioner is proclaimed offender.

The first informant has died, however, his wife has suffered the statement admitting the settlement.

After hearing 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 (Annexure P-2). 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.172 dated 20.09.2004 registered under Sections 452, 323, 341, 148, 149, IPC, Police Station City Kapurthala, District Kapurthala and the subsequent 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.

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

20.08.2019
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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes / No
Yes / No