

CRM-M-29432-2019 (O&M)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

**CRM-M-29432-2019 (O&M).
Decided on : September 25, 2019.**

Jasmeet Singh and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

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**PRESENT Mr.Mayur Karkra, Advocate,
for the petitioners.**

Mr.S.P.S.Tinna, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

**Mr.M.S.Uppal, Advocate,
for complainant – respondent No.2.**

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ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

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Keeping in view the facts of the present case, application
is allowed.

Gurkirat Singh son of Sh.Daljeet Singh, is permitted to be
added as petitioner No.5.

Amended Memo of Parties is taken on record. Be tagged
at appropriate place.

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For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed.

Offence under Section 354 IPC, is permitted to be added in the subject, body and prayer clause of the petition.

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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.142, dated 24.12.2018, registered under Sections 406 and 498-A IPC, at Police Station Women, District Patiala and the consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise.

On 12.7.2019, while issuing notice of motion, the parties were directed to appear before the learned trial Court/Illaq Magistrate on 7.8.2019 or any other convenient date to the Court to get their statements recorded and learned trial Court/Illaq Magistrate was directed to send the report regarding genuineness of compromise on or before the date fixed.

Pursuant to the aforesaid order, parties have appeared before learned trial Court/Illaq Magistrate, and got their statements recorded. On the basis of the statements so recorded, learned Magistrate has submitted report dated 26.8.2019, duly forwarded through learned District and Sessions Judge, Patiala, to the effect that the parties except Gurkirat Singh who is not even a party to the present petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C., appeared in the Court on 7.8.2019 and suffered statements regarding

compromise effected between them.

Learned Magistrate has further reported that compromise effected between the parties is genuine and they have compromised the matter voluntarily without any pressure and coercion.

Accused Gurkirat Singh has been added as a party vide CRM-29915-2019, allowed today, in the present petition. Gurkirat Singh is represented by Jasmeet Singh and statement of Jasmeet Singh has also been recorded.

Counsel for the State of Punjab states that in view of the settlement between the parties, the State would not stand in the way of the settlement and would not oppose the quashing of the FIR and all subsequent proceedings emanating therefrom.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties, perused the report submitted by the learned trial Court/Illaq Magistrate. I am of the considered opinion that the petitioners-accused and the respondent no.2 have resolved their differences by a bona fide compromise, without any coercion or undue influence.

In the considered opinion of this Court, 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

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Kulwinder Singh and others Vs. State of Punjab and another, 2007(3) RCR (Criminal) 1052 and 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.142, dated 24.12.2018, registered under Sections 406 and 498-A IPC, at Police Station Women, District Patiala 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.

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

September 25, 2019.

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Whether speaking/reasoned? Yes/No

Whether reportable? Yes/No