

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

CRM-M-41831-2019

Date of Decision:04.12.2019

Pankaj Chawla

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr.Mohit Garg, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr.Hittan Nehra, Addl. A.G., Punjab.
Mr.Ravinder Singh, Advocate for respondents No.2 to 4.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J.

Petitioner has 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.42 dated 14.03.2019 registered under Section 406/420 of the Indian Penal Code at Police Station, Sadar, Patiala, District Patiala and the consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise.

Notice of motion was issued.

In compliance of the order dated 27.09.2019 passed by this Court, parties are present in the Court except respondent No.4. However, parents of respondent No.4 are present and admit the settlement. Parties are identified by their respective counsel. The parents of respondent No.4 have stated that her daughter Harlin Kaur Duggal-respondent No.4 has signed the settlement (Annexure P-2). The petitioners as well as respondents No. 2 and 3 have tendered their affidavits, admitting that the compromise arrived at between them is genuine, voluntary and without any coercion or undue influence.

Learned counsels appearing on behalf of both the parties admit

that parties have settled their disputes.

After hearing the learned counsel for the parties and going through 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 the 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**, upheld 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.42 dated 14.03.2019 registered under Section 406/420 of the Indian Penal Code at Police Station, Sadar, Patiala, District Patiala and the consequential proceedings arising therefrom are ordered to be quashed, however, qua the petitioner(s) only.

Resultantly, with the above-said observations made, the instant petition stands allowed.

04.12.2019
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No