

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

CRM-M-57274-2018 (O&M)

Date of decision: February 27, 2019

Gaurav Chopra and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI

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

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. P.S. Guliani, 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.0117 dated 25.10.2018, under Sections 406, 498-A, 494, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code (for short 'IPC'), registered at Police Station Women, Patiala, District Patiala and subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise.

In the present case, the FIR was registered on the statement of Garima wife of Gaurav Chopra. Now, dispute between the parties has been resolved.

Vide order dated 14.01.2019, 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, Patiala wherein it has been reported that statements of the parties have been recorded and compromise entered between the parties is genuine, voluntary, without any coercion or undue influence.

It has been submitted that entire payment has been made. Even petition under Section 13-B of the Hindu Marriage Act has already been

allowed vide judgment dated 19.01.2019 passed by the Principal Judge, Family Court, Patiala.

Learned State counsel as well as learned counsel for respondent No.2 have not disputed that the parties i.e. petitioners, respondent No.2, 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.0117 dated 25.10.2018, under Sections 406, 498-A, 494, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Women, Patiala, District Patiala and subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise stands quashed qua petitioners.

February 27, 2019
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(RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI)
JUDGE

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