

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

CRM-M-25608-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 03.09.2020

Jagmeet Singh and another

...Petitioners

Versus

The State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI

Present: Mr. Parteek Maini, Advocate,
for Mr. S.S. Maini, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG., Punjab.

Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Advocate,
for respondent No.2.

Ritu Bahri, J.

Quashing of FIR No. 196 dated 29.08.2018, under Sections 420/120-B IPC, registered at Police Station, City Faridkot, District Faridkot (Annexure P-1) and subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, are being sought on the basis of settlement/compromise dated 11.08.2020 (Annexure P-3).

FIR (Annexure P-1) was registered on the basis of statement made by Ramanpreet Singh-respondent No.2 to the effect that Jagmeet Singh and Gurmeet Singh had fraudulently taken Rs.7,50,000/- (approximately) from him on the pretext of sending him to Cyprus for doing the work of Bakery. But, actually, the complainant was forced to do the work at a farm. In this manner, both the petitioners had cheated him. In this background, the FIR was registered.

Now, with the intervention of respectable persons, the matter has been compromised between the parties vide compromise deed dated 11.08.2020 (Annexure P-3), which has been duly signed by complainant-Ramanpreet Singh (respondent No.2) as well as petitioners Jagmeet Singh and Gurmeet Singh. In this regard, Ramanpreet Singh-respondent No.2 (complainant) has also given an affidavit dated 11.08.2020 (Annexure P-4) by admitting the contents of compromise.

On the last date of hearing i.e. 02.09.2020, learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Gurjit Singh, had informed that the matter has been compromised between the parties.

Today, learned counsel for complainant-Ramanpreet Singh (respondent No.2) has also put in appearance and states that as per compromise dated 11.08.2020 (Annexure P-3), the matter has been amicably resolved between the parties.

A perusal of the compromise deed dated 11.08.2020 (Annexure P-3) and affidavit dated 11.08.2020 (Annexure P-4) given by Ramanpreet Singh-complainant, shows that compromise has been effected voluntarily, without any pressure, coercion and with free will of the parties. They have no objection if the F.I.R. (Annexure P-1) is quashed. Photocopy of Aadhaar card of Ramanpreet Singh-complainant (respondent No.2) has been attached as Annexure P-5.

Keeping in view the prevailing COVID-19 situation and the fact that the compromise has been effected between the parties vide compromise deed dated 11.08.2020 (Annexure P-3), whereby they have decided to get the F.I.R. quashed, it is a fit case where there is no impediment in the way of

the Court to exercise its inherent powers under Section 482 Cr.P.C for quashing of F.I.R in the interest of justice. Consequently, in view of the judgments passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Madan Mohan Abbot vs. State of Punjab* 2008(4) S.C.C. 582 and the law laid down by the Full Bench of this Court in the case of *Kulwinder Singh and Ors. vs. State of Punjab and another* 2007(3) RCR (CrI.) 1052, no useful purpose would be served in prolonging the litigation.

Accordingly, FIR No. 196 dated 29.08.2018, under Sections 420/120-B IPC, registered at Police Station, City Faridkot, District Faridkot, is quashed with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom qua the present petitioners.

Petition stands allowed accordingly.

03.09.2020
ajp

(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No