

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

CRM-M-28010-2020
Date of decision: 16.9.2020

Manjit Singh and others **.....Petitioners.**

vs.

State of Punjab and others **.....Respondents.**

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: - Mr. Arshdeep Singh Khaira, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Gaurav Garg Dhuriwala, Senior Deputy Advocate
General, Punjab.

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Sanjay Kumar, J. (ORAL)

The petitioners are the accused in FIR No. 0014 dated 27.2.2019 on the file of Police Station Dorangla, District Gurdaspur, registered under Sections 323, 324, 341, 295 and 34 IPC. The said FIR was registered on the strength of the complaint made by respondent No. 4. It appears that a cross-case was also registered in relation to the said FIR, *vide* Report No. 22 dated 28.2.2019 .

However, the rival parties seem to have settled their differences and executed a compromise (Annexure P-2) apart from deposing to two separate affidavits dated 11.7.2020 (Annexures P-3 and P-4). It is on the strength of these documents that quashing of the FIR and the cross-case are now sought.

Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, learned counsel, entered appearance for respondent No. 4-complainant and filed her power of attorney. She affirms the factum of compromise and states that she has no objection to the quashing of

Mr. Arshdeep Singh Khaira, learned counsel, also states that he has no objection to the quashing of the cross-case registered against the fourth respondent-complainant. He would point out that though the FIR named four accused, one of them expired and that is the reason why the remaining three are before this Court.

Mr. Gaurav Garg Dhuriwala, learned Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, would affirm that the case involves simple injuries sustained by members of both sides and though a challan has already been presented before the competent criminal Court, there is no other FIR registered against any of the accused.

In that view of the matter, even if the cases are taken to their logical conclusion, it would only be an exercise in futility as the parties have already settled their differences. Therefore, no purpose would be served in wasting the time and resources of the State in pursuing these cases to their pre-ordained end. In consequence, it would be better to give a quietus to the issue at this stage.

The petition is allowed. FIR No. 0014 dated 27.2.2019 on the file of Police Station Dorangla, Gurdaspur, registered under Sections 323, 324, 341, 295 and 34 IPC and the cross case registered in the same FIR *vide* Report No. 22 dated 28.2.2019 and all other proceedings relating thereto shall accordingly stand quashed.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

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