

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

CRM-M-29586-2019

Date of decision : 14.01.2020

Avtar Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Krishan Sehjpal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, Advocate, for
Mr. Mandeep Singh Sachdev, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J (ORAL)

The instant petition is for quashing of FIR No. 026 dated 08.03.2018, under Section 498-A of IPC (Section 420 of IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Mehatpur, District Jalandhar (Annexure P-1) and the consequential proceedings arising out of the same, on the basis of compromise dated 29.03.2019 (Annexure P-2) arrived at, between the parties.

Vide order dated 15.07.2019 of this Court, the parties were directed to appear before the learned trial Court/Illaq Magistrate on 08.08.2019 to get their statements recorded regarding the compromise arrived at, between them.

Report has since been received from the learned JMIC, Nakodar, in pursuance to the direction of this Court. As per the report compromise has indeed been effected between the parties and the same is without any pressure or coercion and out of their free will. The trial Court has annexed the statements of the parties in original alongwith its report.

Learned State counsel also submits that there are no other accused other than the petitioner and respondent No.2 is the only aggrieved person in the FIR in question.

In view of the report of the Ld. JMIC, Nakodar and the principles laid down by the Apex Court in *Gian Singh Vs. State of Punjab and others (2012) 10 SCC 303*, and also by the Full Bench of this Court in *Kulwinder Singh and others Vs. State of Punjab and another, 2007(3) RCR (Criminal) 1052*, the instant petition is allowed. The aforesaid FIR and all consequential proceedings arising out of it, are quashed.

Needless to say the parties shall remain bound by the terms of compromise and their statements recorded before the Court below.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

14.01.2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No