

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

CRM-M-54797-2018 (O&M)

Date of decision: 17.02.2020

Kuldeep Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE H.S. MADAAN

Present: Mr. P.S. Mirpur, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. S.S. Sodhi, Advocate for respondents No.2 & 3.

H.S. MADAAN, J. (Oral)

Petitioners – Kuldeep Singh and others have brought the instant petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No. 0058 dated 24.05.2018, for offences under Sections 324, 148 and 149 IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Bathinda, District Bathinda, against them, along with consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise, stated to have been effected between them and complainant Sehajpreet Kaur and witness Darshan Singh- arrayed as respondents No.2 & 3.

When the petition came up for hearing on 11.12.2018, notice of motion was ordered to be issued. Respondent No. 1 - State of Punjab through State counsel, whereas respondents No.2 & 3 through Mr. S.S.

Sodhi, Advocate had put in appearance. Then in light of the contention that parties have since effected compromise, they were directed to put in appearance before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court and further vide order dated 04.02.2019, the parties were again directed to get their statements recorded with regard to compromise and was directed to send a report to this Court.

Report has been received from Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Bathinda, in terms of which complainant Sehajpreet Kaur and witness Darshan Singh and accused, namely, Kuldeep Singh, Karamjit Kaur, Gurmeet Kaur, Jasvir Singh, Vikramjit Singh, Swaranjit Kaur, Harmanjot Singh, Amanjot Singh, Amarjit Kaur, Arshdeep kaur and Sukhjeevan Singh, had appeared there and their statements were recorded, in terms of which they have admitted to have entered into a voluntary compromise, without any pressure or undue influence. Further, the complainant/respondent No.2 and witness/respondent No.3 have stated that they have no objection if the FIR in question is quashed by this Court. There is nothing on record to doubt the genuineness of the compromise so arrived at between the parties. Along with the report statements of the complainant/respondent No.2 and witness/respondent No.3 and all the accused, have been annexed.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties besides going through the record.

The dispute between the parties has been resolved amicably, which appears to have been arrived at between them voluntarily without

any threat or coercion and in terms of ratio of the authority reported as

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RCR (Criminal) 1052, where in para 28, it has been held as under :-

“The compromise, in a modern society, is the sine qua non of harmony and orderly behaviour. It is the soul of justice and if the power under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C. is used to enhance such a compromise which, in turn, enhances the social amity and reduces friction, then it truly is “finest hour of justice”.”

It has been observed that High Court has power to quash prosecution in order to achieve ends of justice and to prevent abuse of process of law. Though such powers are unlimited but those are to be exercised sparingly and with utmost care and caution. Though there is no statutory bar which can effect the inherent power of High Court under Section 482 Cr.P.C.

The compromise is in interest of peace and tranquility in the society and for such like reasons this Court can quash the FIR and ancillary proceedings exercising power under Section 482 Cr.P.C., it appears to be a fit case to exercise such powers.

Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the above said FIR along with ancillary proceedings are hereby quashed.

17.02.2020

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(H.S. MADAAN)
JUDGE

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