

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-1387 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of decision : 5.4.2021

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Tejinder Singh and another

.....Petitioners

vs.

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice H. S. Madaan

Present: Mr. Amit Gupta Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. J.S. Ghuman, Deputy Advocate General,
Punjab.

Ms. Jyotika Panesar, Advocate for respondent No.2.

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H. S. Madaan, J. (Oral)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

Petitioners – Tejinder Singh and Gurpreet Singh have brought the instant petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No. 86 dated 31.7.2019, for offences under Sections 420, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar, Kotakpura, District Faridkot, against them, alongwith consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise, stated to have been effected between them and complainant Harpreet Singh - arrayed as respondent No.2.

Briefly stated, the prosecution story is that complainant – Harpreet Singh s/o Gurjant Singh r/o Chak Kaliyan, Tehsil Kotakpura, District Faridkot, had got the FIR in question registered against the petitioners- accused Tejinder Singh and Gurpreet Singh, alleging that they had committed cheating with him besides playing fraud deceiving him of lacs of rupees on the pretext of ensuring his migration abroad, without actually meaning to do so and they had failed to ensure his migration and did not return his money either. After registration of the FIR the matter was investigated. During the course of investigation, the parties have compromised the matter.

When the petition came up for hearing on 12.1.2021, notice of motion was ordered to be issued. The respondent No. 1 - State of Punjab through State counsel, whereas respondent No.2 through Ms. Jyotika Panesar, 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/Duty Magistrate, Faridkot, to get their statements recorded with regard to compromise and the said Court was directed to send a report to this Court.

Report has been received from Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Faridkot, in terms of which complainant Harpreet Singh and accused, namely, Tejinder Singh and Gurpreet Singh had appeared there and their statements were recorded, in terms of which they have admitted to have entered into a voluntary compromise, with free will, without any pressure, coercion or undue influence. Further

complainant has stated that he has 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. It has been reported that no accused has been declared proclaimed offender in the FIR in question. Alongwith the report statement of the complainant and both the accused, in original, have been annexed.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners, learned State counsel, learned counsel for respondent No.2, besides going through the record.

Keeping in view the fact that 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 **Kulwinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and others** 2007 (3) 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*”. Disputes which have their genesis in a matrimonial discord, landlord-tenant matters, commercial transactions and other such matters can

safely be dealt with by the Court by exercising its powers under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C. in the event of a compromise, but this is not to say that the power is limited to such cases. There can never be any such rigid rule to prescribe the exercise of such power, especially in the absence of any premonitions to forecast and predict eventualities which the cause of justice may throw up during the course of a litigation.”

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 abovesaid FIR alongwith ancillary proceedings are hereby quashed.

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(H.S. Madaan)
Judge

Whether speaking / reasoned	Yes / No
Whether reportable	Yes / No