

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

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CRM-M-21668-2021

Date of decision : 09.09.2021.

Balwant Singh and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.. Respondents

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Rajiv Joshi, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Prateek Rathi, Advocate for respondent No.2.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioners are seeking quashing of FIR No.92 dated 13.11.2020, under Sections 406, 420 IPC, Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professional Regulation Act, 2014 and Section 24 of the Immigration Act, 1983 registered at Police Station Sadar, District Nawashahar, on the basis of compromise dated 29.04.2021 (Annexure P-2), which has been arrived at between the parties.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the FIR is outcome of a monetary dispute between the parties which has now been resolved and the matter has been compromised. He has referred to the copy of the compromise at Annexure P-2.

Learned counsel for respondent No.2 states that the matter has indeed been compromised.

This Court vide order dated 02.07.2021 had directed the parties to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court for recording their statements and send a report as to whether the compromise has been arrived at without any coercion or undue influence. The report of the Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, SBS Nagar dated 12.08.2021 has been received, wherein it is stated that in pursuance to the order of this Court, the statements of the parties were recorded which indicates that compromise which has been effected is genuine, voluntary and without undue influence.

The FIR is outcome of a monetary dispute which has now been resolved and the matter has been compromised. In view of the law laid down by the Supreme Court in the case of **Narinder Singh vs. State of Punjab 2014 (6) SCC 466**, no useful purpose will be served by continuing the criminal proceedings. Therefore, the petition is allowed and FIR No.92 dated 13.11.2020, under Sections 406, 420 IPC, Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professional Regulation Act, 2014 and Section 24 of the Immigration Act, 1983 registered at Police Station Sadar, District Nawashahar and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom are hereby quashed qua the petitioners.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

September 09, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No