

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

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**CRM-M-22445-2021**

**DATE OF DECISION: 14.09.2021**

**GURDEEP SINGH AND ANOTHER**

**... Petitioner(s)**

*Versus*

**THE STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS**

**... Respondent(s)**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL**

Present: Mr. Himmat Singh Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Divij Dutt, Advocate for the complainant.

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**ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)**

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioners are seeking quashing of FIR No.214 dated 24.10.2020, under Section 306 IPC registered at Police Station Sangat, District Bathinda, on the basis of compromise dated 16.03.2021 (Annexure P-2), which has been arrived at between the parties.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that it is alleged that the son of the complainant, who was working as an insurance agent, had committed suicide on account of harassment by the officials of the SBI including petitioner No.2, who was the Manager. It is also alleged that the son of the complainant had taken out policies but the officials including the petitioners were not handing him over the documents in connection therewith. He further contends that the allegations in the FIR would not constitute a prima facie case under Section 306 IPC as it is not alleged that the petitioners had harassed the deceased with the intention to compel him to commit suicide. He has relied upon the judgment of the Supreme Court in the case of **State of**

**Kerala and others versus S. Unnikrishnan Nair and others, (2015) 9**

**SCC 639.** He also contends that the matter has been compromised and a copy of the compromise is at Annexure P-2.

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

This Court, vide order dated 05.07.2021 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 Ist Class, Bathinda, dated 15.07.2021 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.

Heard.

The allegations in the FIR would not constitute a *prima face* case under Section 306 IPC as it is not alleged that the petitioners had harassed the deceased with the intention to compel him to commit suicide 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.214 dated 24.10.2020, under Section 306 IPC registered at Police Station Sangat, District Bathinda and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom are hereby quashed qua the petitioner(s).

**(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)**  
**JUDGE**

**14.09.2021**

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