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

CRM-M-38310-2020

Date of Decision: 10.02.2021

ABHISHEK GOYAL AND OTHERS

PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. Nagar Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Pankaj Bali, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Parveen Sharma, Advocate for respondent No.2.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

The petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is for quashing of FIR No. 161 dated 2.11.2020 registered under Sections 406, 420, 120-B IPC registered at Police Station City Khanna, District Ludhiana and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom

The FIR was at the instance of Balram Kumar. The dispute was with regard to supply of broken rice. During the investigation the matter was compromised.

Following order was passed by this Court on 19th November,

“The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Senior DAG, Punjab and Mr. Parveen Shamr, Advocate appearing on advance notice accepts the same on behalf of respondent s No. 1 and 2 respectively.

Learned counsel for the petitioners and respondent No.2 are ad idem that the matter has been compromised.

Learned counsel for respondent No.2 is not opposing the quashing of FIR.

Let the parties appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court on 12.1.2021 for recording their statements with regard to the compromise/settlement.

The trial court is directed to submit a report on or before the next date of hearing containing the following information:

- 1. Number of persons arrayed as accused in FIR;*
- 2. Whether accused is proclaimed offender; and*
- 3. Whether the compromise is genuine, voluntary and without any coercion or undue influence.*

List on 10.2.2021.”

The report dated 15th January, 2021 is received stating that the compromise is genuine, voluntarily and without any pressure, coercion or undue influence.

Learned counsel for respondent No.2 submits that he has no objection if the above-said FIR is quashed.

Full Bench of this Court in ***Kulwinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab, 2007 (3) RCR (Criminal) 1052***, has held:-

“The only inevitable conclusion from the above discussion is that there is no statutory bar under the Cr.P.C. which can affect the inherent power of this Court under Section 482. Further, the same cannot be limited to matrimonial cases alone and the Court has the

wide power to quash the proceedings even in non-compoundable offences notwithstanding the bar under Section 320 of the Cr.P.C., in order to prevent the abuse of law and to secure the ends of justice.

The power under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C. is to be exercised Ex-Debitia Justitia to prevent an abuse of process of Court. There can neither be an exhaustive list nor the defined para-meters to enable a High Court to invoke or exercise its inherent powers. It will always depend upon the facts and circumstances of each case. The power under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C. has no limits. However, the High Court will exercise it sparingly and with utmost care and caution. The exercise of power has to be with circumspection and restraint. The Court is a vital and an extra-ordinary effective instrument to maintain and control social order. The Courts play role of paramount importance in achieving peace, harmony and ever-lasting congeniality in society. Resolution of a dispute by way of a compromise between two warring groups, therefore, should attract the immediate and prompt attention of a Court which should endeavour to give full effect to the same unless such compromise is abhorrent to lawful composition of the society or would promote savagery.”

The parties have compromised the matter and patched up their differences. Considering that no useful purpose would be served by continuation of trial, moreover, the issue had a tenor of a civil dispute, the above mentioned FIR with all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom are quashed.

The petition is disposed of.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE

10th February, 2021

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| 1. Whether speaking/ reasoned | : | Yes |
| 2. Whether reportable | : | Yes |