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

(246)

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Date of Decision:-16.12.2021.

Raja @ Rakesh Kumar and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Ankur Lal, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Manish Dadwal, AAG, Haryana.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (Oral)

This is a petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No.22 dated 29.01.2020, registered under Sections 323, 324, 34 and 506 of IPC and Section 3(1) (X) of the SC & ST Act, at Police Station Kosli, District Rewari (Annexure P-1) and all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise deed dated 18.03.2020 (Annexure P-2).

On 26.10.2021, this Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

“This is a petition filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No.22 dated 29.01.2020 registered under Sections 323, 324, 34, 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 3(1)(X) of the SC & ST Act, at Police Station Kosli,

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District Rewari (Annexure P-1) and all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 18.03.2020 (Annexure P-2).

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that all the persons concerned are party to the compromise.

Notice of motion for 16.12.2021.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Praveen Bhadu, AAG, Haryana, appears and accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

The parties are directed to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court for recording their statements qua compromise within a period of 15 days.

The Illaqa Magistrate/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.*
- 2. Whether any accused is proclaimed offender?*
- 3. Whether the compromise is genuine, voluntary and without any coercion or undue influence?*
- 4. Whether the accused persons are involved in any other FIR or not?*
- 5. The trial Court is also directed to record the statement of the Investigating Officer as to how many victims/complainants are there in the FIR.”*

In pursuance of the said order, the report has been submitted

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by the Additional Sessions Judge, Rewari to the Registrar General of this Court. The relevant part of the report is reproduced hereinbelow:-

“4. Further in compliance of order dated 26.10.2021 the investigating officer had been summoned by way of notice and on 15.11.2021, the investigating officer Sh. Inderjeet Singh, DSP CID, Gurugram had appeared before this court. On being inquired about there being any other accused or aggrieved party the investigating officer has made statement to the effect that except for the petitioners/accused and complainant Karambir there are no other accused or victim in this case. He has also stated that no other criminal case apart from aforementioned FIR had been registered against the accused persons as per record. He has also stated that none of the accused in this case is a proclaimed offender/person as per record.

Report submitted herewith.

Sd/-

*(Kanchan Mahi)
ASJ, Rewari,
(UID No.HR0075)
15.11.2021.”*

A perusal of the said report would show that statements of the concerned persons have been recorded in the case, who have stated that the matter has been compromised and they have no objection in case the FIR in question is quashed. They have further stated that the said compromise is being entered into with their own free will and without any coercion. The compromise has been found to be genuine and valid. As per the said report,

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it has been observed that none of the persons have been declared as proclaimed offenders in the present case and no other case is pending against the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that there is no other FIR against the petitioners and they were not declared proclaimed offender in the present case. Learned counsel for the State, as per instructions, has stated that this fact is correct.

This Court has heard the learned counsel for the parties and has perused the file. After perusing the report submitted by the learned trial Court, this Court finds that the matter has been amicably settled between the petitioners and the complainant. Since the matter has been settled and the parties have decided to live in peace, this Court feels that in order to secure the ends of justice, the criminal proceedings deserve to be quashed.

As per the Full Bench judgment of this Court in ***“Kulwinder Singh and others Vs State of Punjab”***, 2007 (3) RCR (Criminal) 1052, it is held that High Court has power under Section 482 Cr.P.C. to allow the compounding of non-compoundable offence and quash the prosecution where the High Court feel that the same was required to prevent the abuse of the process of law or otherwise to secure the ends of justice. This power of quashing is not confined to matrimonial disputes alone.

Hon'ble the Apex Court in the case of ***“Gian Singh Vs. State of Punjab and another”***, 2012 (4) RCR (Criminal) 543, had also observed that in order to secure the ends of justice or to prevent the abuse of process of Court, inherent power can be used by this Court to quash criminal proceedings in which a compromise has been effected. The relevant portion

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of para 57 of the said judgment is reproduced hereinbelow:-

“57. The position that emerges from the above discussion can be summarised thus: the power of the High Court in quashing a criminal proceeding or FIR or complaint in exercise of its inherent jurisdiction is distinct and different from the power given to a criminal court for compounding the offences under Section 320 of the Code. Inherent power is of wide plenitude with no statutory limitation but it has to be exercised in accord with the guideline engrafted in such power viz; (i) to secure the ends of justice or (ii) to prevent abuse of the process of any Court. XXX---XXX”

In view of what has been discussed hereinabove, this petition is allowed and FIR No.22 dated 29.01.2020, registered under Sections 323, 324, 34 and 506 of IPC and Section 3(1) (X) of the SC & ST Act, at Police Station Kosli, District Rewari (Annexure P-1) and all the subsequent proceedings emanating therefrom are ordered to be quashed, qua the petitioners.

(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

December 16, 2021.

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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:-

Yes/No