

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

**CRM-M No.41830 of 2020
Date of Decision: 17.02.2021**

LABH KUMAR AND ANR

.....Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANR

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. G.S. Thind, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. Monica Jalota, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

None for the respondent No.2.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU J.

Petitioners have filed this petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No. 0178 dated 25.12.2019 under Sections 420, 120-B IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Prevention of Human Smuggling Act, 2012, registered at Police Station Shambu, District Patiala, and all other consequential proceedings arising out of the said FIR, as the matter stands amicably settled in terms of compromise dated 23.01.2020 (Annexure P-2).

Notice of motion was issued. Vide order dated 14.12.2020, the parties were directed to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate on 12.01.2021 for getting their statements recorded with regard to the compromise.

A report dated 12.02.2021 of learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Rajpura, has been received. As per the report, the parties had appeared before learned Magistrate, Rajpura and got recorded their statements regarding compromise. Learned Magistrate has stated that he is of the considered view that the compromise between the parties is genuine and is not result of any

pressure or coercion in any manner.

In view thereof, the present petition is allowed. FIR No. 0178 dated 25.12.2019 under Sections 420, 120-B IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Prevention of Human Smuggling Act, 2012, registered at Police Station Shambu, District Patiala, along with all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed, qua the petitioners.

February 17, 2021
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(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>