

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

**CRM-M No.51591 of 2019
Date of Decision:11.11.2021
(Heard through VC)**

Sukhdev Singh Bhaur

...Petitioner

Vs

State of Punjab and others

..Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Navkiran Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Varun Goyal, Advocate
for respondent Nos.2 to 5.

JAISHREE THAKUR J. (ORAL)

1. This petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking quashing of FIR No.69 dated 07.09.2018 registered under Section 295-A Indian Penal Code and Section 66(A) of Information Technology Act, 2000 at Police Station City Banga, District S.B.S. Nagar (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise/joint statement of respondents No.2 to 4 dated 14.12.2018 (Annexure P-2) and statement of respondent No.5 dated 13.09.2019 (Annexure P-3).

2. The FIR has been registered on the statement of complainant on the allegations of insulting the religious feelings of the complainant's community by the accused-petitioner. Now with the intervention of respectable persons, the matter has been amicably compromised between the parties and they have resolved their disputes and differences.

3. Keeping in view the fact that the parties have entered into a compromise, they were directed to appear before the trial court/Illaq Magistrate for getting their statements recorded in support of the compromise. In pursuance of the direction, a report has been received from Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar stating that the compromise arrived at between the parties is without any pressure or coercion from any one and the same is genuine one.

4. Learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab on instructions from the Investigating Officer and learned counsel for the respondent Nos. 2 to 5 admit the factum of compromise. Learned counsel for the respondent-State submits that in case the parties have indeed settled their dispute, the State would have no objection to the quashing of the FIR, in view of the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record.

6. In a decision, based on compromise, none of the parties is a loser. Rather, a compromise not only brings peace and harmony between the parties to a dispute, but also restores tranquility in the society. After considering the nature of offences allegedly committed and the fact that both the parties have amicably settled their dispute, continuance of criminal prosecution would be an exercise in futility, as the chances of ultimate conviction are bleak.

7. Consequently, keeping in view the fact that the dispute has been amicably settled and in view of the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Narinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and another, (2014) 6 SCC 466**, this petition is allowed and FIR No.69 dated 07.09.2018 registered under Section 295-A Indian Penal Code and Section 66(A) of

Information Technology Act, 2000 at Police Station City Banga, District S.B.S. Nagar (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising out of the same are quashed qua petitioner.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

November 11, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No