

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No. 266

CRM-M-5811-2022

Date of decision : 20.05.2022

Sukhpreet Singh and others

..... Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: Mr.Randeep Singh, Advocate, for
Mr.Vipin Mahajan, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr.Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

None for respondent No.2.

DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No.85 dated 12.06.2020 registered under Sections 498-A and 406 IPC at Police Station Dera Baba Nanak, Police District Batala, District Gurdaspur on the basis of a compromise dated 24.01.2021 (Annexure P-2) entered into between the parties.

On 11.02.2022 this Court had directed the parties to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/Trial Court for recording of their respective statements with regard to the compromise, who in turn was directed to submit a report along with the recorded statements with regard to the name of the complainant and all accused arrayed in the FIR; whether all of them have appeared and made their respective statements in support of the compromise; whether any of the accused has been declared a proclaimed offender; the stage of the trial/proceedings and whether the compromise is genuine, voluntarily and out of free will.

As directed, report dated 18.04.2022 from the Judicial Magistrate

Ist Class, Batala has been received as per which the parties had recorded their

statements before the Trial Court in terms of the compromise arrived at between them; the complainant is respondent No.2; only the petitioners are arrayed as accused; the petitioners and respondent No.2 had appeared and made their respective statements before the Trial Court with regard to the compromise arrived at between them; the petitioners have not been declared proclaimed offenders; the case is fixed for prosecution's evidence and that the compromise is genuine, voluntary and without any coercion and undue influence.

Learned State counsel has no objection if the present petition is allowed.

In view of the above, continuation of the proceedings in pursuance of the afore-referred FIR which arises from a matrimonial dispute as also the matter having been compromised, would be an abuse of the process of law and in terms of the law laid down by a Full Bench of this Court in *Kulwinder Singh and others Vs. State of Punjab and others*, 2007 (3) RCR (Criminal) 1052, this Court deems it just and proper to allow the petition and resultantly quash FIR No.85 dated 12.06.2020 registered under Sections 498-A and 406 IPC at Police Station Dera Baba Nanak, Police District Batala, District Gurdaspur and all proceedings arising therefrom qua the petitioners.

20.05.2022
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[DEEPAK SIBAL]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No