

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

(238)

CRM-M-4489-2019

Date of Decision: 03.11.2022

Major Singh and another

--Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

--Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK KUMAR VERMA.

Present:- None.

ASHOK KUMAR VERMA, J. (ORAL)

Lawyers are abstaining from work today.

The petitioners have filed the present petition under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No.192 dated 06.10.2018 registered under Sections 420/34 of the I.P.C. at Police Station Sardulgarh, District Mansa (Annexure P-1) and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 05.01.2019 (Annexures P-2) effected between the private parties.

Pursuant to order dated 31.01.2019 passed by the Coordinate Bench of this Court, the private parties appeared before learned Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Sardulgarh, to get their statements recorded. Learned Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Sardulgarh, submitted his report dated 12.03.2019 along with copies of statements of the parties vide letter dated 13.03.2019 through learned District and Sessions, Mansa, which is taken on record.

It is now well settled that the High Court has inherent power to

quash the criminal proceedings in non-compoundable cases on the basis of settlement between the parties for securing the ends of justice or to prevent abuse of the process where the possibility of conviction is remote and bleak and continuation of the criminal case would put the accused to great oppression and prejudice and extreme injustice would be caused to him by not quashing the criminal case. Criminal cases having overwhelmingly and predominantly civil character particularly those arising out of commercial transaction or arising out of matrimonial relationship or family dispute can be quashed when the parties have resolved their entire dispute among themselves. However, such power cannot be exercised in those prosecutions which involve heinous and serious offences of mental depravity or offences like murder, rape dacoity, etc. which are not private in nature and have a serious impact on society. Similarly, prosecution for offences alleged to have been committed under special enactments like the Prevention of Corruption Act or the offences committed by public servant while working in that capacity cannot be quashed on the basis of compromise between the victim and the offender. For judicial precedents in this regard, reference may be made to **Gian Singh Vs. State of Punjab and another : 2012(4) RCR Criminal) 543, Narinder Singh Vs. State of Punjab (Supreme Court) : 2014 (2) RCR (Criminal) 482, State of Madhya Pradesh Vs. Laxmi Narayan and others (Supreme Court) : 2019 (2) RCR (Criminal) 255 and Kulwinder Singh and others Vs. State of Punjab and others (Punjab and Haryana High Court) : 2007 (3) RCR (Criminal) 1052.**

According to the reports, learned Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Sardulgarh, is satisfied that compromise effected between the parties is with their full consent, genuine, without any pressure or coercion.

Considering the report dated 12.03.2019 of learned Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Sardulgarh, and the fact that the compromise will bring peace and harmony between the parties, aforesaid FIR No.192 dated 06.10.2018 (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, are quashed, qua the petitioners only.

Disposed of, accordingly.

03.11.2022
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(ASHOK KUMAR VERMA)
JUDGE

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