

**(293) IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M-9423-2021
Date of decision :.27.07.2022**

NIRMAL SINGH & OTHERS

... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB & OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Simrandeep S. Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Sidakmeet Singh Sandhu, Asstt. A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Amrit Gang, Advocate for respondent Nos.2 and 3.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (ORAL)

The prayer in this petition is for quashing of an FIR No.0108 dated 17.05.2020 (Annexure P-1) registered under Sections 420, 506, 120-B IPC, 1860 and Section 13 of Punjab Prevention of Human Smuggling Act, 2012 at Police Station Kotwali, Patiala District Patiala along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of a compromise arrived at between the parties.

Vide order dated 01.03.2021/06.07.2022 this Court had directed the parties to appear before Illaqa Magistrate for getting their statements recorded with regard to the compromise dated 23.10.2020 (P-2).

The Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court was to submit a report in this regard giving certain details as enumerated in the said order.

Pursuant to the order dated 01.03.2021/06.07.2022 passed by this Court, the parties have appeared before the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Patiala and as per the report dated 23.04.2021/19.07.2022 submitted to this Court, both the parties have got recorded their respective statements in Court except Mohit Verma whose statement has been recorded through Video Conferencing.

A perusal of the aforesaid report would show that the parties have effected a genuine compromise without there being any pressure, coercion or undue influence. In view of the compromise there is a remote possibility of the complainant coming forward to support the prosecution case. The powers under Section 482 Cr.PC can be exercised in such like situation in order to prevent unnecessary vagaries of criminal trial to be faced by the parties, when there are remote chances of conviction of the accused. The compromise in question is found to be fully in consonance with the direction issued by the Court in “***Kulwinder Singh & Ors. Vs. State of Punjab 2007(3) RCR (Criminal) 1052 and Gian Singh Vs. State of Punjab & Anr., 2012(4) RCR (Crl.) 543***”.

In view of the aforesaid report of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Patiala accompanied by statements of both the parties, the FIR No.0108 dated 17.05.2020 (Annexure P-1) registered under Sections 420, 506, 120-B IPC, 1860 and Section 13 of Punjab Prevention of Human Smuggling Act, 2012 at Police Station Kotwali, Patiala District Patiala along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom are hereby quashed.

Petition stands disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

27.07.2022
JITESH

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No