

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

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**CRM-M No.24692 of 2021
Date of Decision: 06.09.2022**

Lakhwinder Singh @ Lucky and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: *HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA*

Present:- Mr. Gagandeep Singh Sirphikhi, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. Ramta Chowdhary, DAG, Punjab
for respondent No.1-State.

Mr. Aman Raj Bawa, Advocate
for respondents No.2 and 3.

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MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J.

By way of the instant petition, the petitioners have invoked the jurisdiction of this Court under Section 482 Cr.P.C for seeking the quashing of the FIR bearing No.21 dated 09.02.2021 registered at Police Station Subhanpur, District Kapurthala, under Sections 420 & 120-B IPC and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014, while averring that the parties have arrived at a compromise qua their dispute, leading to the registration of the said FIR.

2. Bereft of unnecessary details, the allegations, as levelled by informant Jagjit Singh in the subject FIR, are that the petitioners, in connivance with each other, had duped him of an amount of Rs.25 lac on

the pretext of sending his (informant's) son named Amritpal Singh, i.e respondent No.3, to America.

3. Vide the order dated 06.07.2021 as passed by the Co-ordinate Bench, the private parties were directed to appear before learned trial Court/Illaq Magistrate on 03.09.2021 for recording their statements in respect of the said compromise. In compliance of the above-said order, learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Kapurthala, recorded their (parties') statements and has submitted her report (which is already available on the file) mentioning therein that the petitioners and the private respondents had entered into the compromise and had solved their differences voluntarily and without any undue influence, coercion and threat and that as per the statement of the Investigating Officer ASI Satnam Singh, there are two accused, i.e the petitioners and one victim, i.e the complainant (informant), in the case and none of the petitioners-accused has been declared as proclaimed offender nor any such proceedings were pending qua them. The copies of the joint statement of respondents No.2 and 3 and the separate statements of both the petitioners and the afore-named Investigating Officer have also been annexed with the above-mentioned report.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners as well as learned State counsel and learned counsel for respondents No.2 and 3 in the present petition and have also perused the file thoroughly.

5. The afore-said compromise has been effected to put the dispute between the parties at rest for all the times to come and the same would promote peaceful, harmonious and cordial relations between them. It being so, there are bleak chances of the conviction of the petitioners and in

these circumstances, the continuation of the proceedings in the case arising out of the said FIR, would be an exercise in futility.

6. Keeping in view the above-discussed facts and circumstances and also the observations as made by the Apex Court in **Gian Singh Versus State of Punjab and another (2012) 4 RCR (Criminal) 543**, the FIR bearing No. 21 dated 09.02.2021 registered at Police Station Subhanpur, District Kapurthala as well as all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom (if any), are hereby quashed. The petition in hand stands allowed accordingly.

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(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes*
Whether Reportable: *No*