

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

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**CRM-M-32468-2019
Date of Decision : 21.09.2022**

Kuldeep Singh and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK KUMAR VERMA

Present : Mr. Mayank Mahla, Advocate for
Mr. Prashant Bansal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Amish Sharma, Asstt. A.G., Punjab
for the respondent No.1-State.

Mr. Rajesh, Advocate for
Mr. Sumit Dua, Advocate
for respondents No.2 and 3.

ASHOK KUMAR VERMA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioners have filed the present petition under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for quashing of FIR No.154 dated 04.08.2017 registered under Sections 447, 427 and 379 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Sections 34 and 201 of the IPC were added later on) at Police Station Lalru, District SAS Nagar **(Annexure P-1)** and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 12.07.2019 **(Annexure P-2)** effected between the private parties.

Pursuant to order dated 16.02.2021 passed by the Coordinate Bench of this Court, the private parties appeared before learned Civil Judge (Junior Division), Dera Bassi to get their statements

recorded. Learned Civil Judge (Junior Division), Dera Bassi submitted his report along with copies of statements of the parties vide letter No.66 dated 26.03.2021 through learned District and Sessions Judge, SAS Nagar which is taken on record.

I have heard learned Counsel for the petitioners, learned State Counsel and learned counsel for respondents No.2 and 3 and gone through the relevant 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 report, learned Civil Judge (Junior Division), Dera Bassi is satisfied that compromise effected between the parties is genuine, outcome of free consent of the parties and is without coercion from any quarter.

Considering the report dated 26.03.2021 of learned Civil Judge (Junior Division), Dera Bassi and the fact that the compromise will bring peace and harmony between the parties, aforesaid FIR No.154 dated 04.08.2017 (**Annexure P-1**) and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, are quashed, qua the petitioners only.

Disposed of, accordingly.

21.09.2022
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(ASHOK KUMAR VERMA)
JUDGE

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