

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

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CRM-M-43911-2021

Date of decision : 21.02.2022

BALDEV SINGH AND ORS.

....Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANT PARKASH

Present : Mr. Prashant Vashisth, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Tanvir Joshi, AAG, Punjab
for the respondent No. 1/State.

Mr. Saqib Ali Khan, Advocate
for respondent No. 2.

SANT PARKASH, J. (ORAL)

(The case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.)

Petitioners have approached this Court by way of instant petition under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure invoking its inherent jurisdiction for quashing of DDR No. 22 dated 04.12.2013 registered under Section 66 of the Police Act at Police Station Dehlon, Ludhiana City as well as the consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise (Annexure P-2).

Vide order dated 10.01.2022, the parties were directed to appear before the trial Court to record their statements with regard to the compromise and send a report to this Court. The report dated 24.01.2022 of learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Ludhiana has been received, wherein it is stated that in pursuance of the order of this

Court, the statements of all the parties were recorded which indicates that the compromise is genuine, without any coercion or undue influence.

Learned counsels appearing on behalf of both the parties admit that parties have settled their disputes.

After hearing the learned counsel for the parties and going through record of the case, this Court is of the considered opinion that it is a fit case for exercising the inherent jurisdiction of this Court under Section 482 Cr.P.C., so as to secure the ends of justice because the parties have arrived at an out of the Court settlement by way of compromise (Annexure P-2). The compromise is without any pressure and a genuine one. In such a situation, continuation of the prosecution would result in sheer abuse of process of law.

Consequently, keeping in view the fact that the dispute has been amicably settled between the parties and in view of the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Narinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and another, (2014) 6 SCC 466**, the present petition is allowed. Resultantly, DDR No. 22 dated 04.12.2013 registered under Section 66 of the Police Act at Police Station Dehlon, Ludhiana City, as well as the consequential proceedings arising therefrom are quashed qua the petitioners.

21.02.2022
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(SANT PARKASH)
JUDGE

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