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

CRM-M-34275-2019

Date of decision: 24.03.2022

SARABJIT KAUR AND OTHERS

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANR

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURESHWAR THAKUR

Present: Mr. N.S. Mahal, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Rituraj Singh, Advocate for
Ms. Rubina Virmani, Advocate
for respondent No. 2.

SURESHWAR THAKUR, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners by filing the present petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C., are seeking quashing of FIR No.0074 of 14.12.2018 (Annexure P-1), constituting therein offences under Sections 419, 420, 120-B of IPC, registered at Police Station PS Women, District Police Commissionerate Jalandhar, and, also of all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise (Annexure P-2) arrived at between the parties.

2. When the instant petition came up before this Court, on 22.08.2019, an order was made upon the learned Magistrate concerned, to make a report to this Court, with respect to the genuineness of the afore compromise (P-2), and, also in respect of antecedental criminal activity of the accused, and, besides with regard to the total number of accused involved in the case, and, his/their status of being proclaimed offender/ person. The afore order, makes it apparent that the petitioners, had depended, upon, a compromise/settlement, arrived at, in respect of the FIR (supra) with the

complainant-respondent(s).

3. The afore made order by this Court on 22.08.2019, has been complied with by the learned Magistrate concerned, and, the elicited report has been placed on record. A perusal of the report, transmitted to this Court, by the learned Magistrate concerned, reveals that the settlement / compromise, arrived at *inter-se* the petitioners, and, complainant-respondent(s), is a sequel of both, being *ad idem qua* it, besides the compromise / settlement being a sequel of no pressure or coercion, being exercised upon each other. Moreover, the compromise is compositely drawn, and, thereons exist the signatures of all concerned, in the penal transactions concerned. Therefore, the learned Magistrate has reported that the settlement / compromise, depended upon, by the petitioners, for seeking the quashing of the FIR (supra), is both voluntary, and, also free from vices of duress, and, or of compulsion, being exercised upon each other, besides is genuine.

4. Since, the offences carried in the FIR (supra), are compoundable, and, also when a valid compromise has been entered into, *inter-se*, the accused petitioners, and, the respondent(s)-complainant, besides when the learned State Counsel has stated on instructions meted to her that the investigating officer has not yet preferred a report under Section 173 Cr.P.C., before the learned Magistrate concerned. Therefore, this Court deems it fit to allow the petition.

5. Consequently, the present petition is allowed, and, the FIR (supra), and, also all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, are quashed *qua* the petitioners.

(SURESHWAR THAKUR)
JUDGE

24.03.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No