

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

CRM-M-48088-2022

Date of decision : 04.11.2022

Rinku

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: None.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

Today, the Lawyers have decided to abstain from appearing in the Court because of the call given by the Bar Association.

This is a petition under Section 482 of Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No.342 dated 14.09.2022 registered under Sections 406, 420 IPC at Police Station Madhuban, District Karnal, and all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise.

On 17.10.2022, this Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

“This is a petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. praying for quashing of FIR No.342 dated 14.09.2022, registered under Sections 406 and 420 IPC, at Police Station Madhuban, District Karnal and all other consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that all the persons concerned are party to the compromise.

Notice of motion for 04.11.2022.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Dhruv Sihag, AAG, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1 and Mr. Ranbir Singh, Advocate, appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.2 and admits the factum of compromise.

The parties are directed to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court for recording their statements qua compromise within a period of 15 days from today.

The Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court is directed to submit a report on or before the next date of hearing containing the following information:-

- 1. Number of persons arrayed as accused.*
- 2. Whether any accused is proclaimed offender?*
- 3. Whether the compromise is genuine, voluntary and without any coercion or undue influence?*
- 4. Whether the accused persons are involved in any other FIR or not?*
- 5. The trial Court is also directed to record the statement of the Investigating Officer as to how many victims/complainants are there in the FIR.*

October 17, 2022”

In pursuance of the abovesaid order, a report has been submitted by the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Karnal. The relevant portion of the said report is reproduced hereinbelow:-

“4. On the basis of statement of IO and on the basis of statements of the parties, report of the undersigned on the required points is as follows:

- a) As per statement of IO, only one person is arrayed as accused in the FIR namely Rinku.*
- b) As per statement of IO, accused has not been declared as PO/proclaimed person in this case.*
- c) On the basis of the statements of the parties and statement of IO, as referred above, undersigned is of the view that compromise between accused Rinku and complainant Rajiv is genuine, voluntary and without any coercion or undue influence.*
- d) As per statement of IO, accused is not involved in any other FIR.*

e) As per statement of IO, Rajiv son of Ramdia is the only victim/complainant in this case.

Above report submitted please,

Yours faithfully,

(Khatri Saurabh)”

A perusal of the said report would show that the compromise has been found to be genuine, without any pressure or undue influence. It has been stated that the statements of the complainant as well as the accused have been recorded in the case and both have stated that the matter has been compromised and they have no objection in case the FIR is quashed.

After perusing the report submitted by the trial Court, this Court finds that the matter has been amicably settled between the petitioner and the complainant. Since the matter has been settled and the parties have decided to live in peace, this Court feels that in order to secure the ends of justice, the criminal proceedings deserve to be quashed.

As per the Full Bench judgment of this Court in “**Kulwinder Singh and others Vs State of Punjab**”, reported as **2007 (3) RCR (Criminal) 1052**, it is held that High Court has power under Section 482 Cr.P.C. to allow the compounding of non-compoundable offence and quash the prosecution where the High Court is of the opinion that the same is required to prevent the abuse of the process of law or otherwise to secure the ends of justice. This power of quashing is not confined to matrimonial disputes alone.

Hon'ble the Apex Court in the case of “**Gian Singh Vs. State of Punjab and another**”, reported as **2012 (4) RCR (Criminal) 543**, had also observed that in order to secure the ends of justice or to prevent the abuse of

process of Court, inherent power can be used by this Court to quash criminal proceedings in which a compromise has been effected. The relevant portion of para 57 of the said judgment is reproduced hereinbelow:-

“57. The position that emerges from the above discussion can be summarised thus: the power of the High Court in quashing a criminal proceeding or FIR or complaint in exercise of its inherent jurisdiction is distinct and different from the power given to a criminal court for compounding the offences under Section 320 of the Code. Inherent power is of wide plenitude with no statutory limitation but it has to be exercised in accord with the guideline engrafted in such power viz; (i) to secure the ends of justice or (ii) to prevent abuse of the process of any Court. XXX---XXX”

In view of what has been discussed hereinabove, the petition is allowed and FIR No.342 dated 14.09.2022 registered under Sections 406, 420 IPC at Police Station Madhuban, District Karnal, and all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise, are ordered to be quashed, qua the petitioner.

(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

November 04, 2022.

Davinder Kumar

Whether speaking/reasoned:-
Whether reportable:-

Yes/No
Yes/No