

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

(251)

CRM-M-2118-2023

Date of Decision: 27.02.2023

Raj Singh and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

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

Mr. Pankaj Khullar, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. V. S. Gill, Advocate, for the respondent No.2.

HARKESH MANUJA, J.(ORAL)

By way of present petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C., petitioners pray for quashing of FIR No.161 dated 08.12.2022, registered under Sections 420, 120 IPC, 1860, at Police Station Cantt. Ferozepur, District Ferozepur (Annexure P-1) along with all consequential proceedings arising out of the same on the basis of compromise dated 21.12.2022 (Annexure P-2).

2. In the present case, petitioners have cheated the complainant party by taking huge amount from him for execution of sale deed but they failed to do so and as such, FIR has been registered against them.

3. In pursuance to an order dated 16.01.2023 passed by this Court, whereby the parties were directed to appear before the trial Court for getting their statements recorded as regards, the veracity of compromise arrived at between them, report dated 21.02.2023 has been received from the concerned court, stating that the compromise in the present case is valid, genuine, voluntary and without any coercion or under influence. There is no other

accused except the present petitioners and a sole complainant namely, Balwant Singh. No accused has been declared as proclaimed offender. The stage of trial was fixed for evidence of prosecution.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that once, the compromise has been arrived at between the parties without any pressure and respondent No.2 has no objection as regards quashing of FIR as well as other subsequent proceedings arising out of the same against the petitioners, the dispute being purely personal in nature, there does not appear to be any impediment as regards quashing of present FIR. He further submits that in order to maintain peace and harmony between the parties, particularly under the circumstances wherein the alleged offences have no societal interest involved, it would be appropriate to render complete quietus to the aforementioned dispute by quashing the FIR on the basis of compromise entered into between the parties.

5. On the other hand learned State counsel submits that petitioners have played a fraud by taking huge money from the complainant and not performed their part by executing the sale deed.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties, they having settled their dispute so as to live peacefully in future, no useful purpose would be served by proceeding further with the criminal proceedings. In the light of above developments, no cause remains for the trial Court to invest further time and effort in adjudicating this FIR. The compromise in question is found to be fully in consonance with the direction issued by the Court in *Kulwinder Singh & Ors. Vs. State of Punjab 2007(3) RCR (Criminal) 1052* and *Gian Singh Vs. State of Punjab & Anr., 2012(4) RCR (Crl.) 543*.

7. Thus in view of the aforesaid report, accompanied by statements

aforementioned judgment, FIR No.161 dated 08.12.2022, registered under Sections 420, 120 IPC, 1860, at Police Station Cantt. Ferozepur, District Ferozepur (Annexure P-1) as well as all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom are hereby quashed.

8. However, the aforesaid order shall be subject to payment of costs of Rs.10,000/- to be deposited with the Punjab and Haryana High Court association Lawyer’s Welfare Fund having Account No.41564846387 with State Bank of India, High Court Branch, Chandigarh , within a period of two weeks from today.

Petition stands disposed of

(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

27.02.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No