

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

CRM-M-2149 of 2023

Date of decision: 14th July, 2023

Lalit Mohan and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. Manjot Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.
Ms. Navreet Kaur Barnala, AAG, Punjab.
Mr. Harmandeep, Advocate for respondent No. 2.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

1. This is a petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No. 87 dated 19.7.2021, under Sections 420, 406 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Raikot, District Ludhiana Rural and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise.
2. As per the allegations in the FIR, the petitioner ostensibly received amount of Rs.6,72,000/- on the pretext of sending him to Australia. Neither the needful was done nor the amount was returned.
3. On 16.1.2023, the parties were directed to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial court for getting their statements recorded with regard to compromise.
4. The report dated 22.2.2023 is received stating that the compromise is genuine, voluntary, without any coercion or undue influence and that there are four accused (three petitioners herein) and none of them been declared as proclaimed offender. It is further stated that Ajmer Singh accused is yet to be arrested.
5. Learned counsel for respondent No. 2 submits that it was joint account and Ajmer Singh is the father of petitioner-Jasdeep Singh. As the root cause of the dispute has been settled he is not pressing the allegation

against Ajmer Singh.

6. Full Bench of this Court in ***Kulwinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab, 2007 (3) RCR (Criminal) 1052***, has held:-

“There is no statutory bar in Cr.P.C. which affects inherent power of this Court under Section 482. The power of quashing is not limited to matrimonial cases alone.”

7. The Supreme Court in ***Parbatbhai Aahir @ Parbatbhai Bhimsinhbhai Karmur and others v. State of Gujarat and another, 2017 AIR (SC) 4843*** laid down the broad principles governing the exercise of power for quashing of FIR. It was held that the power under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is to be exercised by the High Court to secure the ends of justice, to prevent abuse of any process of law and in cases where in view of the compromise the possibility of conviction is remote and continuation of proceeding will cause oppression and prejudice.

7. The dispute has a pre-dominant tone and tenor of commercial transaction. The grievance was that the money was not returned. The parties have settled the differences and decided not to litigate any further. No useful purpose would be served by continuing with the trial. To meet the ends of justice, the FIR mentioned above and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom are quashed.

8. The petition is allowed.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE

14th July, 2023

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1. Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes / No
2. Whether reportable	:	Yes / No