

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-3120-2023  
Date of Decision: November 23, 2023

HAPPY KATRA @ HAPPY KARRHA AND ANOTHER  
.....Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS  
.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Anmol Jeevan Singh Gill, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. I.P.S. Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab.  
Ms. Komal Balain, Advocate for respondents No.2 and 3.

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HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. This petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking quashing of FIR No.0181 dated 23.08.2022 registered under Sections 308, 323, 148 and 149 Indian Penal Code and Sections 25 and 27 of Arms Act, 1959 at Police Station Baghapurana, Moga (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom in view of the compromise (Annexure P-2).
2. The FIR has been registered on the statement of complainants namely, Harwinderpal Singh and Lachman Singh on the allegations that the accused-petitioners fired a gun shot on the right thigh of his son namely Lachman Singh. Now with the intervention of respectable persons, the matter has been amicably compromised

between the parties and they have resolved their disputes and differences.

3. Keeping in view the fact that the parties have entered into a compromise, they were directed to appear before the trial court/Illaqa Magistrate for getting their statements recorded in support of the compromise. In pursuance of the direction, a report has been received from SDJM, Baghapurana stating that the compromise arrived at between the parties is without any pressure or coercion from any one and the same is genuine one.

4. Learned Deputy Advocate General on instructions from the Investigating Officer and learned counsel for the complainant-respondent No.4 admit the factum of compromise and submit that in case the parties have indeed settled their dispute, the State would have no objection to the quashing of the FIR, in view of the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record with their able assistance.

6. In a decision, based on compromise, none of the parties is a loser. Rather, a compromise not only brings peace and harmony between the parties to a dispute, but also restores tranquility in the society. After considering the nature of offences allegedly committed and the fact that both the parties have amicably settled their dispute, continuance of criminal prosecution would be an exercise in futility, as the chances of ultimate conviction are bleak. A two Judge Bench of the

Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Shakunta Sawhney (Mrs) Vs. Kaushalya (Mrs.) and others (1980) 1 SCC 63**, speaking through Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer, has held as under:-

*“4. ....The finest hour of justice arrives propitiously when parties, despite falling apart, bury the hatchet and weave a sense of fellowship or reunion.....”*

7. Consequently, keeping in view the fact that the dispute has been amicably settled 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** and **Ramgopal and another Vs. State of Madhya Pradesh 2021 SCC OnLine SC 834** and Full Bench of this Court in **Kulwinder Singh Vs. State of Punjab 2007 (3) RCR (Crl.) 1052**, this petition is allowed and FIR No.0181 dated 23.08.2022 registered under Sections 308, 323, 148 and 149 Indian Penal Code and Sections 25 and 27 of Arms Act, 1959 at Police Station Baghapurana, Moga (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising out of the same are quashed qua petitioners.

23.11.2023  
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(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)  
JUDGE

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether Reportable        | Yes/No |

