

CRM-M-4756-2020 (O&M)

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

(124+273)

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Date of Decision:-February 13, 2023

Paramjit Singh and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. Ravi Malhotra, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. S.S. Cheema, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Ashish Bakshi, Advocate for

Mr. Gautam Thapar, Advocate for respondent No.2.

ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

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Prayer in this application is for placing on record the judgment dated 05.10.2020 as Annexure P-3.

Application is allowed as prayed for, subject to all just exceptions. Annexure P-3 is taken on record.

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The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking quashing of FIR No. 255 dated 02.11.2017, registered under Sections 406 of Indian Penal Code (Section 498-A IPC added later on), at Police Station Sadar Jalandhar, District Jalandhar, (Annexure P-1) and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise dated 26.08.2019 (Annexure P-2).

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Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioner No.2 has since expired, therefore, the petition qua petitioner No.2 has been rendered infructuous.

Keeping in view the fact that the parties entered into a compromise, this Court vide order dated 04.02.2020 directed the parties to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court for getting their statements recorded in that regard. Pursuant thereto, a report dated 20.02.2020 has been received from the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jalandhar, stating that the compromise arrived at between the parties is voluntary and the same is without any pressure, coercion or undue influence.

Learned State Counsel and learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent No.2 admit the factum of compromise and submit that they have no objection to quashing of the FIR on that basis.

Perusal of the aforesaid report establishes that the parties have amicably settled their dispute, and continuance of criminal prosecution in such a situation will be an exercise in futility, as the chances of ultimate conviction are bleak. The power under Section 482 Cr.P.C. can be exercised in such matters. It has been held by Supreme Court of India in cases *Gian Singh v. State of Punjab and another* 2012(10) SCC 303 and *Narinder Singh and others v. State of Punjab and another* 2014(6) SCC 406 that criminal cases having overwhelmingly civil character, particularly those arising out of commercial transactions or matrimonial relationships or family disputes, should be quashed when the parties have resolved their disputes among themselves in a *bona fide* manner.

Consequently, this petition is allowed. FIR No. 255 dated 02.11.2017, registered under Sections 406 and 498-A of Indian Penal Code

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at Police Station Sadar Jalandhar, District Jalandhar, (Annexure P-1) and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed *qua* the petitioner No.1, subject to payment of cost of Rs. 10,000/- to be deposited by petitioner No.1 and Rs. 10,000/- to be deposited by respondent No.2 within one month from today in the following account:-

Account Name – Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association Lawyer’s Family Welfare Fund.

Account No. - 41564846387

Bank Name – SBI High Court Branch.

**(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE**

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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:-

Yes/No