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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision :04.07.2023

GURPREET SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANR

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Sunil Agnihotri, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Harkanwar Jeet Singh, Asstt. A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Vishal Munjal, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (ORAL)

The prayer in this petition is for quashing of an FIR No.0002 dated 11.01.2021 (Annexure P-1) registered under Sections 406, 420, 120-B IPC and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014 at Police Station Behram, District SBS Nagar along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of a compromise arrived at between the petitioner and respondent no.2.

Vide order dated 14.02.2023 this Court had directed the parties to appear before Illaqa Magistrate for getting their statements recorded with regard to the compromise dated 21.11.2021 (P-2) and the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court was to submit a report in this regard giving certain details as enumerated in the said order.

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Pursuant to the order dated 14.02.2023 passed by this Court, the parties have appeared before the learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, SBS and as per the report dated 01.07.2023 submitted to this Court, both the parties have got recorded their respective statements in Court.

A perusal of the aforesaid report would show that the parties have effected genuine compromise without there being any pressure, coercion or undue influence. In view of the compromise there is a remote possibility of the complainant coming forward to support the prosecution case. The powers under Section 482 Cr.PC can be exercised in such like situation in order to prevent unnecessary vagaries of criminal trial to be faced by the parties, when there are remote chances of conviction of the accused. 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***”.

Further, the learned counsel for the petitioner, while placing reliance upon the judgments passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Jayrajsinh Digvijaysinh Rana Versus State of Gujarat and another, 2012(4) R.C.R. (Criminal) 589*** and this Court in ***Joginder Singh & another Vs. State of Punjab and another, CRM-M-23739-2010 decided on 27.04.2011***, ***Rajinder Singh Vs. State of Punjab & another, CRM-M-37395-2016 decided on 16.05.2017***, ***Bhoj Raj Vs. State of Punjab & another, CRM-24945-2019 decided on 27.09.2019***

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and Vimal Kalra & others Versus State of Punjab & another, CRM-M-20355-2022, decided on 25.07.2022 submits that partial quashing of the FIR was possible on the basis of a compromise.

Keeping in view the law laid down by this Court in the aforementioned judgments and the report of the Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, SBS, the FIR No.0002 dated 11.01.2021 (Annexure P-1) registered under Sections 406, 420, 120-B IPC and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014 at Police Station Behram, District SBS Nagar along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom are hereby quashed qua the petitioner.

Petition stands disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

04.07.2023
JITESH

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No