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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH****CRM-M-7874-2023 (O&M)****Date of decision: 25.07.2023****Anwarpal Singh and another
Versus****...Petitioners****State of Punjab and others****...Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA****Present:-** Mr. Virender Pratap Singh, Advocate,
For the petitioners.

Mr. Mohit Thakur, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. A. P. Singh, Advocate,
For respondent No.3-complainant.**ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)**

The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short 'Cr. P.C.') seeking quashing of FIR No.94 dated 13.03.2022 (Annexure P-1), registered under Sections 120-B, 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short 'IPC') and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014 at Police Station B Division, Amritsar, District Amritsar and subsequent proceedings thereto, on the basis of compromise deed dated 11.11.2022 (Annexure P-2), which is stated to have been entered into between the parties.

2. Since quashing was sought on the basis of compromise, this Court on 14.02.2023 had directed the parties to appear before learned Area Magistrate/trial Court for recording of their statements in support of the compromise. A veracity report was also called for.

3. Placed on record is a report dated 17.03.2023 of learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Amritsar and a perusal of the same would reveal that the statements of the complainant/respondent No.3 as also of the accused/present petitioner herein have been duly recorded and it has been opined that a compromise has been arrived and is authentic, genuine, voluntary and out of

free will of the parties. The report is accompanied by the statements of the parties which were duly recorded.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent No.3 also makes a statement that the compromise having been effected, he would have no objection to quashing of FIR in question.

5. This Court in appropriate cases can exercise the power under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of criminal proceedings/FIR on the basis of compromise. A reference in this regard may be made to a decision dated 29.09.2021 of the Supreme Court in case titled *Ramgopal and anr. V. The State of Madhya Pradesh*¹ and a Full Bench decision of this Court in *Kulwinder Singh and others V. State of Punjab and others*².

6. Adverting back to the facts of the present case, it is apparent that the complainant/respondent No.3 and accused/petitioners are known to each other and compromise has been arrived at between the parties voluntary and without any coercion.

7. In the considered view of this Court, it would be an appropriate case for exercise of power under Section 482 Cr.P.C. and to bring to an end the criminal proceedings initiated in the light of the impugned FIR.

8. For the reasons recorded above, the present petition is allowed. FIR No.94 dated 13.03.2022 (Annexure P-1), registered under Sections 120-B, 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short 'IPC') and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014 at Police Station B Division, Amritsar, District Amritsar and all proceedings emanating therefrom *qua* the petitioners stand quashed.

9. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

JULY 25, 2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Whether reportable:

(ARUN MONGA)

JUDGE

Yes/No

Yes/No

¹Criminal Appeal No.1489 of 2012

²2007 (3) RCR (Criminal) 1052