

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No. 251(2)

CRM-M-8761-2022

Date of decision : 23.01.2023

Satwant Singh and others

..... Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: Mr.Sanjeet Singh, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr.A.P.S.Tung, DAG, Punjab.

Mr.Vinay Kumar, Advocate, for respondents No.2 to 4.

DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of DDR No.17 dated 16.05.2021 registered under Sections 324, 323, 34 IPC in FIR No.43 dated 14.05.2021 registered under Sections 324, 323, 341, 427, 34 IPC (Section 326 IPC added later on) at Police Station Rangar Nangal, District Batala and all proceedings arising therefrom qua the petitioners on the basis of a compromise dated (Annexure P-2) entered into between the parties.

On 03.03.2022 this Court had directed the parties to appear before the Trial Court/Illaq Magistrate for recording of their respective statements with regard to the compromise, who in turn was directed to submit a report along with the recorded statements with regard to the number of persons arrayed as accused; whether any of them is proclaimed offender; whether the compromise is genuine, voluntary and without any coercion or undue influence; whether accused are involved in any other case or not; whether all parties have made their statements regarding the compromise and the current stage of the case.

As directed, report dated 21.04.2021 from the Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Batala has been received as per which the parties had recorded their statements before the Trial Court in terms of the compromise arrived at between them; only the petitioners are arrayed as the accused; none of them has been declared a proclaimed offender; the compromise is genuine and not a result of any pressure or coercion; the petitioners are not involved in any other case; all the parties in the FIR have made their respective statements with regard to the compromise and that the case is at the stage of investigation.

Learned State counsel has no objection if the present petition is allowed.

In view of the above, continuation of the proceedings in pursuance of the afore-referred FIR in which offences are not heinous as also the matter having been compromised, would be an abuse of the process of law and in terms of the law laid down by the Supreme Court in *Narinder Singh vs State of Punjab* (2014) 6 SCC 466, this Court deems it just and proper to allow the petition and resultantly quash DDR No.17 dated 16.05.2021 registered under Sections 324, 323, 34 IPC in FIR No.43 dated 14.05.2021 registered under Sections 324, 323, 341, 427, 34 IPC (Section 326 IPC added later on) at Police Station Rangar Nangal, District Batala and all proceedings arising therefrom qua the petitioners.

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No