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

CRM-M-8791-2023

Date of Decision: 10.04.2023

Jaskaran Singh and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present : Mr. Gulrej Khan, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Aditya Kapoor, AAG, Punjab
for respondent No.1/State.

Mr. Mehtab Singh, Advocate
for respondents No.2 and 3.

HARSH BUNGER, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No.110 dated 17.10.2022 (Annexure P-1), registered under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Maur, District Bathinda and all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 04.02.2023 (Annexure P-2) arrived at between the parties.

Vide order dated 20.02.2023 passed by this Court, the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court was directed to record the statements of the parties with regard to the genuineness and validity of the compromise.

In compliance thereof, the Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Talwandi Sabo has submitted a consolidated report vide letter dated 23.03.2023 which indicates that the parties appeared before the Judicial

Magistrate Ist Class, Talwandi Sabo and got recorded their respective statements with regard to the validity of the compromise. As per the report, the compromise arrived at between the parties is genuine and with free will and consent. Relevant extract of the said report is reproduced as under:-

“On the basis of statement of parties as well as Investigating Officer it is submitted that three accused persons are arrayed in the present FIR. Further that there are two complainant/victims in the present case. Report under Section 173 of Cr.P.C is yet to be filed in the present FIR. The accused persons were never declared proclaimed offender in any other case and never involved in any other FIR. It is also submitted that all the concerned have signed the compromise deed. The compromise between accused/petitioners Jaskaran Singh son of Malkeet Singh, Gurpreet Singh son of Sukhdev Singh, Arshdeep Singh son of Kulwant Singh and respondent/complainant namely, Gurmeet Kaur wife of Jagtar Singh, Jagtar Singh son of Ajaib Singh is genuine, voluntary and without any pressure, coercion or undue influence.”

A perusal of the said report shows that statements of the concerned persons have been recorded in the case, who have stated that the matter has been compromised and the complainant has further endorsed his no objection in case the FIR in question is quashed. They have further stated that the compromise arrived at between them is genuine, voluntary and without any pressure.

Learned counsel for respondents No.2 and 3 has again reiterated that the matter has been settled and the said compromise is in the interest of all the concerned persons and would help in bringing out peace and amity between the parties.

Learned State counsel does not raise any serious dispute regarding quashing of aforesaid FIR in question.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and have perused the file.

In the light of judgments rendered by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the cases of *Shakuntala Sawhney Vs. Kaushalya Sawhney, (1979) 3 SCR 639*, *Gian Singh Versus State of Punjab and another. 2012(4) RCR (Criminal) 543* and considering the entire facts, compromise, the statements of the parties recorded before the Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Talwandi Sabo, and also the report dated 23.03.2023 submitted by the Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Talwandi Sabo, since the parties have arrived at a compromise by amicably settling their disputes and have decided to live in peace, no useful purpose will be served in allowing the criminal proceedings to continue.

Further, in the light of the above mentioned judicial precedents, when the parties have entered into a compromise, then continuation of the proceedings would be mere an abuse of process of the Court.

In order to prevent unnecessary continuation of criminal proceedings on the ground that there are bleak chances of conviction in the case, I am of the considered view that it would be in fitness of things to quash the FIR on the basis of compromise and by quashing the FIR while accepting the prayer of the petitioners, would be securing the ends of justice.

Accordingly, this petition is allowed. FIR No.110 dated 17.10.2022 (Annexure P-1), registered under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Maur, District Bathinda and all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are quashed qua the petitioners. However, the same would be subject to payment of costs of Rs.10,000/- to be deposited by the petitioners with the **“Poor Patients Welfare Fund, PGIMER, Chandigarh”** and the said amount would be

spent for the treatment of poor patients within the knowledge of its Medical Superintendent.

Needless to say that parties shall remain bound by the terms of compromise and their statements made in the Court below.

All pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

10.04.2023
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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

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