

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

CRM-M-15464-2023 (O&M)

Date of decision: 19.07.2023

Santokh Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present:- Mr. Anoop Singla, Advocate,
For the petitioners.

Mr. Virat Rana, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Nitin Narula, Advocate,
For respondents No.2 and 3.

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.170 dated 26.10.2018 (Annexure P-1), under Sections 120-B, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short 'IPC'), registered at Police Station Goraya, Jalandhar (Rural), District Jalandhar and subsequent proceedings thereto, on the basis of compromise dated 24.01.2023 (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 10.04.2023 had directed the parties to appear before learned *Illaq*a 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 01.06.2023 of learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Phillaur and a perusal of the same would reveal that the statements of the complainant/respondents No.2 and 3 as also of the accused/present petitioners 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 for respondents No.2 and 3 also makes a statement that the compromise having been effected, he would have no objection to the quashing of the 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/respondents No.2 and 3 and accused/petitioners are known to each other and compromise has been arrived at between the parties voluntarily 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.170 dated 26.10.2018 (Annexure P-1), under Sections 120-B, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 of IPC, registered at Police Station Goraya, Jalandhar (Rural), District Jalandhar and all proceedings emanating therefrom *qua* the petitioners stand quashed.

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

JULY 19, 2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Whether reportable:

(ARUN MONGA)

JUDGE

Yes/No

Yes/No

¹Criminal Appeal No.1489 of 2012