

277 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-20478-2023

DATE OF DECISION:-24.05.2023

Vijay @ Vijay Masih and others

...Petitioners.

vs.

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents..

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Gagandeep Singh Sirphikhi, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Kunal Vinayak, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Vishal Sodhi, Advocate
for respondents No.2 to 5.

HARKESH MANUJA, J.

By way of present petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C., the petitioners pray for quashing of FIR No.73 dated 08.08.2022, under Sections 452, 323, 427, 506, 148 and 149 IPC, registered at Police Station Qila Lal Singh, Police District Batala (Annexure P-1) along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise.

2. As per the allegations levelled in the FIR, petitioners entered into the house of respondents No.2 to 4 and gave abuses as well as injured respondent No.2, besides having damaged the household articles, thereby causing loss to respondents no.2 to 4.

3. In pursuance to an order dated 25.04.2023 passed by this Court, whereby the parties were directed to appear before the trial court for getting their statements recorded as regards the veracity of compromise arrived at

between them, a report dated 18.05.2023 has been received from the concerned court, stating that the compromise effected between them is genuine and is not the result of any pressure or coercion. There are total 6 accused i.e. the present petitioners and 4 complainant/victim i.e. respondents No.2 to 5. No accused has been declared as proclaimed offender.

4. Thus, the compromise arrived at between the parties without any pressure and respondents No.2 to 5 having no objection as regards quashing of FIR as well as all other subsequent proceedings arising out of the same against the petitioners; there does not appear to be any impediment as regards quashing of present FIR qua the petitioners. Even otherwise, in order to maintain peace and harmony between the parties, particularly under the circumstances wherein the alleged offences have no societal interest involved, it would be appropriate to render complete quietus to the aforementioned dispute by quashing the FIR on the basis of compromise entered into between the parties.

5. The parties having settled their dispute so as to live in peace in future, no useful purpose would be served by proceeding further with the criminal proceedings. In the light of above developments, no cause remains for the trial Court to invest further time and effort in adjudicating this FIR. The compromise in question is even 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.***

6. Thus, in view of the aforesaid FIR, accompanied by statements of both the parties as well as keeping in mind the law laid down in the

aforementioned judgments, the FIR No.73 dated 08.08.2022, under Sections 452, 323, 427, 506, 148 and 149 IPC, registered at Police Station Qila Lal Singh, Police District Batala (Annexure P-1) as well as all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom are hereby quashed qua the petitioners.

7. Accordingly, petition stands allowed subject to payment of costs of Rs.20,000/- to be deposited with the Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association, within a period of two weeks from today.

24.05.2023
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whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
whether reportable: Yes/No

(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE