

(223) IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-16230-2023

Date of Decision:01.06.2023

Santokh Singh and others

... Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and another

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present : Mr. Anoop Singla, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Mohit Chaudhary, A.A.G. Punjab.

Mr. Nitin Narula, Advocate for respondent No2.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J. (Oral)

This is a petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C for quashing of FIR No.263 dated 01.12.2017 registered under Sections 454, 380 of IPC at Police Station Goraya, Jalandhar Rural, Jalandhar (Annexure P-1) along with all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 24.01.2023 (Annexure P-2).

During the pendency of the dispute, the parties have compromised the matter and filed the present petition for quashing of FIR.

Vide order dated 10.04.2023, the parties were directed to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/Trial Court and report with regard to the genuineness of the compromise was called for.

The report dated 04.05.2023 has been received from learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Phillaur, stating that the parties have entered into a compromise, which is genuine, voluntary and without any coercion or undue influence.

Punjab, 2007 (3) RCR (Criminal 1052, has held:-

“The only inevitable conclusion from the above discussion is that there is no statutory bar under the Cr.P.C. Which can affect the inherent power of this Court under Section 482. Further the same cannot be limited to matrimonial cases alone and the Court has the wide power to quash the proceedings even in noncompoundable offences notwithstanding the bar under Section 320 of the Cr.P.C, in order to prevent the abuse of law and to secure the ends of justice.

The power under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C is to be exercised Ex-Debitia Justitia to prevent an abuse of process of Court. There can neither be an exhaustive list nor the defined para-meters to enable a High Court to invoke or exercise its inherent powers. It will always depend upon the facts and circumstances of each case. The power under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C has no limits. However, the High Court will exercise it sparingly and with utmost care and caution. The exercise of power has to be with circumspection and restraint. The Court is a vital and an extra-ordinary effective instrument to maintain and control social order. The Courts play role of paramount importance in achieving peace, harmony and ever-lasting congeniality in society. Resolution of a dispute by way of a compromise between two warring groups, therefore, should attract the immediate and prompt attention of a Court which should endeavour to give full effect to the same unless such compromise is abhorrent to lawful composition of the society or would promote savagery.”

The legal principles as laid down for quashing of the judgment were also approved by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of “**Gian Singh Versus State of Punjab and another**; (2012) 10 SCC 303. Furthermore, the broad principles for exercising the powers under Section 482 were summarized by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of **Parbatbhai Aahir @ Parbatbhai Bhimsinhbhai Karmur and others** versus **State of Gujarat and another**; (2017) 9 SCC 641.

amongst the parties, no useful purpose would be served by continuation of the proceedings. The furtherance of the proceedings is likely to be a waste of judicial time and there appears to be no chance of conviction.

In view of the above, FIR No.263 dated 01.12.2017 registered under Sections 454, 380 of IPC at Police Station Goraya, Jalandhar Rural, Jalandhar (Annexure P-1) along with all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are quashed qua the petitioners, on the basis of compromise.

The present petition is hereby allowed.

01.06.2023	(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>