

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

CRM-M-17033-2023

Date of Decision: 22.08.2023

MANJEET SINGH ALIAS MANJIT RAM AND ORS.

...Petitioners

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present: Mr. Piyush Setia, Advocate for the petitioners.
Mr. Harpreet Singh, Addl. AG, Punjab.
Mr. Shubham Goyal, Advocate for respondent No.2.

SANJIV BERRY, J. (Oral)

This is a petition filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, for quashing of FIR No. 20 dated 04.03.2023 under Sections 458, 365, 368, 342, 323, 148 & 149 IPC (Section 325 IPC added later on) registered at Police Station Bahawala, District Fazilka, (Annexure P-1) and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 14.03.2023 (Annexure P-2) executed between the parties.

[2]. The parties have arrived at a settlement vide compromise dated 14.03.2023 (Annexure P-2), which is duly signed by them. The matter was referred to the Court below for recording of statements of the parties and to report with respect to genuineness of the compromise arrived at between the parties. The Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Abohar, vide report dated 10.08.2023, has apprised this Court that the compromise arrived at between the parties is genuine and without any pressure.

[3]. Respondent No. 2 is represented by the counsel and does not oppose the compromise.

[4]. In view of the report of the Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Abohar, and in view of the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in "Gian Singh Vs. State of Punjab and another", 2012(4) RCR (Criminal) 543 and "Narinder Singh and Others Vs. State of Punjab and Another", (2014) 6 SCC 466, this Court is of the opinion that no useful purpose can be served by keeping with the criminal proceedings pending, since the complainant has himself compromised the dispute with the petitioners.

[5]. In the circumstances, the present petition is allowed. FIR No. 20 dated 04.03.2023 under Sections 458, 365, 368, 342, 323, 148 & 149 IPC (Section 325 IPC added later on) registered at Police Station Bahawala, District Fazilka (Annexure P-1) and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed on the basis of compromise *qua* the present petitioners.

(SANJIV BERRY)
(JUDGE)

22.08.2023

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