

269 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-17822-2023
Date of decision: 06.12.2023

VIKAS SAROYA AND ANOTHER

...PETITIONERS

V/S

STATE OF UT CHANDIGARH AND ANOTHER

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Deepinder Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Anupam Bansal, Addl. P.P., Chandigarh.

Mr. Shekhar Choudhary, Advocate for respondent No.2.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking quashing of FIR No. 23 dated 31.01.2023 registered under Sections 379-A of Indian Penal Code at Police Station West Sector-11, Chandigarh and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom in view of the compromise deed dated 28.03.2023 (Annexure P-2).

2. The FIR registered on the statement of complainant-respondent No.2 that she had gone to her friend's house at Sector 24, Chandigarh for domestic work and when she was coming back riding her bicycle carrying her red colour bag in which her mobile phone Samsung Company, SIM No.8284896160, photocopy of her Aadhar card and some money was kept. At around 4:00PM, near Saini Bhawan, Sector 24, Chandigarh, two boys came from behind and ran away by carrying her red colour bag. Those boys looked back at the complainant while running so she could recognize them if they come in

front of her. Now with the intervention of respectable persons, the matter has been amicably compromised between the parties and they have resolved their disputes and differences.

3. Keeping in view the fact that the parties have entered into a compromise, they were directed to appear before the trial court/Illaq Magistrate for getting their statements recorded in support of the compromise. In pursuance of the direction, a report dated 27.04.2023 has been received from Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Chandigarh stating that the compromise arrived at between the parties is without any pressure or coercion from any one and the same is genuine one.

4. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor, Chandigarh, on instructions from the Investigating Officer and learned counsel for respondent No. 2 admitted the factum of compromise and submitted that in case, the parties have indeed settled their dispute, the State would have no objection to the quashing of the FIR, in view of the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record with their able assistance.

6. The parties have arrived at a compromise and settled their dispute. A compromise not only brings peace and harmony between the parties to a dispute, but also restores tranquility in the society. After considering the nature of offences allegedly committed and the fact that both the parties have amicably settled their dispute, continuance of criminal prosecution would be an exercise in futility, as the chances of ultimate conviction are bleak. A two Judge Bench of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Shakunta Sawhney (Mrs) Vs. Kaushalya (Mrs.) and others (1980) 1 SCC 63*, speaking through Justice V.R.

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Krishna Iyer, has held as under:-

“4.The finest hour of justice arrives propitiously when parties, despite falling apart, bury the hatchet and weave a sense of fellowship or reunion.....”

7. Consequently, keeping in view the fact that the dispute has been amicably settled and in view of the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Narinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and another, (2014) 6 SCC 466 and Ramgopal and another Vs. State of Madhya Pradesh 2021 SCC OnLine SC 834* and Full Bench of this Court in *Kulwinder Singh Vs. State of Punjab 2007 (3) RCR (Crl.) 1052*, this petition is allowed and FIR No. 23 dated 31.01.2023 registered under Sections 379-A of Indian Penal Code at Police Station West Sector-11, Chandigarh and all subsequent proceedings arising out of the same are quashed qua the petitioners only.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

December 06, 2023
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(i)	Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
(ii)	Whether reportable	Yes/No