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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-19833-2023 (O&M)

Date of decision: 22.08.2023

Harkirat Kaur and others

...Petitioners

VS

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA**Present:-** Mr.Vishal Deepal Goyal, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr.Mohit Thakur, AAG, Punjab.

Mr.Rajan Singh Dadwal, Advocate
for respondent no.2.

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners seek quashing of FIR No.03 dated 08.03.2022 (Annexure P-1) registered under Section 420 read with Section 120-B of the IPC, at Police Station Women, District Ludhiana Rural, and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise dated 13.03.2023 (Annexures P-2).

2. Since quashing was sought on the basis of compromise, a co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 21.04.2023 had directed the private parties to appear before the *Illaq*a Magistrate/trial Court for recording their statements in support of the compromise. A veracity report was also called for.

3. Report dated 19.05.2023 of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jagraon, had been received. Report reveals that statements of complainant party i.e. respondent no.2 as also of accused/present petitioners herein (since petitioner no.1 living abroad, through her Special Power of Attorney Satwinder Kaur-Petitioner no.2), were duly recorded. It is opined that a compromise has been arrived at without any pressure, undue influence or coercion. The report is accompanied by the statements of parties. It is apparent that the complainant/respondent no.2 and accused/petitioners have arrived at a compromise voluntarily and without any coercion.

4. Learned counsel for complainant/respondent no.2 states that he would have no objection to the quashing of 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. In the premise it is 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 impugned FIR.

7. Petition is thus allowed. FIR No.03 dated 08.03.2022 (Annexure P-1) registered under Section 420 read with Section 120-B of the IPC, at Police Station Women, District Ludhiana Rural, and all proceedings emanating there from *qua* the petitioners stand quashed.

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

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No

¹Criminal Appeal No.1489 of 2012