

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

**CRM-M-24769-2021
Date of Decision:02.05.2023**

BALWINDER SINGH @ BAGGA

..... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. P.S. Dhaliwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Shukla, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Supneet Singh, Advocate
for respondents No.2 and 3.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (ORAL)

By way of present petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. the petitioner prays for quashing of case FIR No.20 dated 01.05.2021 registered under Sections 341, 336, 307 IPC and Sections 25 and 27 of Arms Act, 1959, P.S. Sehna, District Barnala (P-1) along with all consequential proceedings arising out of the same on the basis of compromise dated 16.06.2021 (P-2).

2. As per allegations levelled in the FIR, the fire arm injury in the present case was inflicted on the non-vital part of the body i.e. little finger of the left hand. Respondent No.2 (Tanveer Singh), respondent No.3 (Jaswinder Singh) and the complainant have settled their differences with the petitioner.

3. In pursuance to an order dated 09.01.2023 passed by this Court whereby, the parties were directed to appear before trial Court for getting their statements recorded as regards the veracity of the compromise arrived at between them, a report dated 09.02.2023 has been received from the concerned Court, stating that the compromise in the present case is genuine, voluntary and without any pressure, coercion or undue influence. No accused has been declared as proclaimed offender.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that once, a compromise has been arrived at between the parties without any pressure and respondents No.2 and 3 have no objection as regards quashing of FIR as well as all other subsequent proceedings arising out of the same against the petitioner; the dispute purely personal in nature, there does not appear to be any impediment as regards quashing of present FIR. He also submits that even, 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 On the other hand, learned State counsel submits that allegations in the present FIR are of serious nature and he opposes the prayer made in the petition.

6. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the records including the report dated 09.02.2023. 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 directions issued by this 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”**.

7. Thus, in view of the aforesaid report, accompanied by statements of both the parties as well as keeping in mind the law laid down in the aforementioned judgments, the petition is allowed and FIR No.20 dated 01.05.2021 registered under Sections 341, 336, 307 IPC and Sections 25 and 27 of Arms Act, 1959, P.S. Sehna, District Barnala (P-1) along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed.

8. The aforesaid order shall, however, be subject to payment of Costs of Rs.10,000/- to be deposited with the Punjab and Haryana High Court Association Lawyer’s Family Welfare Fund having account No. 41564846387 with State Bank of India, High Court Branch, Chandigarh, within a period of two weeks from today.

02.05.2023
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(**HARKESH MANUJA**)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>