

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-22264 of 2023
Date of decision: 1st September, 2023

Satpal Singh and others

Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and another

Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. Sandeep Saini, Advocate for the petitioners.
Mr. Rajiv Sidhu, DAG, Haryana.
Mr. Sahil Chaudhary, Advocate for respondent No. 2.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

1. This is a petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No.124 dated 3.4.2023, under Sections 34/406/420 IPC and Section 10 and 24 of Immigration Act, 1983 registered at Police Station Pehowa, District Kurukshetra and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise.
2. As per the allegations in the FIR, the petitioners in connivance with each other ostensibly received the amount on the pretext of sending the complainant's son abroad. Neither the needful was done nor the money was returned.
3. On 4.5.2023, the parties were directed to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial court for getting their statements recorded with regard to compromise.
4. The report dated 5.8.2023 is received stating that the compromise is genuine, voluntary, without any coercion or undue influence and that there are four accused (petitioners herein) and none of them has been declared as proclaimed offender.
5. Full Bench of this Court in *Kulwinder Singh and others vs.*

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

“There is no statutory bar in Cr.P.C. which affects inherent power of this Court under Section 482. The power of quashing is not limited to matrimonial cases alone.”

6. The Supreme Court in *Parbatbhai Aahir @ Parbatbhai Bhimsinhbhai Karmur and others v. State of Gujarat and another, 2017 AIR (SC) 4843* laid down the broad principles governing the exercise of powers for quashing of FIR. It was held that the power under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is to be exercised by the High Court to secure the ends of justice, to prevent abuse of any process of law and in cases where in view of the compromise the possibility of conviction is remote and continuation of proceeding will cause oppression and prejudice.

7. The dispute has a pre-dominant tone and tenor of commercial transaction. The grievance was that the money was not returned. The parties have settled the differences and decided not to litigate any further. No useful purpose would be served by continuing with the trial. To meet the ends of justice, the FIR mentioned above and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom are quashed.

8. The petition is allowed.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE

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| 1. Whether speaking/ reasoned | : | Yes / No |
| 2. Whether reportable | : | Yes / No |