

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

CRM-M-25403 of 2023

Date of decision: 21st July, 2023

Ajit Singh and others

Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. Umesh Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioners.
Ms. Navreet Kaur Barnala, AAG, Punjab.
Ms. Ayushi Jindal, Advocate for respondent No. 2.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

1. This petition under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure is filed seeking quashing of FIR No. 171 dated 12.7.2017, under Sections 457, 380, 427, 448, 511 and 34 IPC (Sections 457 and 380 IPC deleted later on), registered at Police Station Chhehratta, Amritsar and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise.
2. As per the FIR, the petitioners with an intention to take possession of the roof of the shop under the tenancy of the complaint broke the roof and stole away the amount.
3. The parties with the intervention of respectables have compromised the matter.
4. It is pertinent to note that the complainant-Ashok Mahajan has expired and his legal representatives were brought on record.
4. On 19.5.2023, the parties were directed to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial court for getting their statements recorded with regard to compromise.
5. The report dated 31.5.2023 is received stating that the compromise is genuine, voluntary, without any coercion or undue influence

and there are three accused (petitioners herein) and none of them has been declared as proclaimed offender.

6. 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.”

7. 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.

8. The parties are from the same locality. With the intervention of friends and relatives, the parties have decided to forget and forgive and to save their relations to an extent possible. No useful purpose would be served by continuing with the trial. Due to compromise, there are bleak chances of conviction. To meet the ends of justice, the FIR mentioned above and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom are quashed.

9. The petition is allowed.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE

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