

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

**CRM-M-26251-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 09.11.2023**

AMITA RANI BHANOT AND ORS.

...PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS.

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present: Mr. A.P.S.Rana, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Addl. AG, Punjab.

Mr.D.K.Sharma, Advocate for respondent Nos.2 to 5.

VIVEK PURI,J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioners have approached this Court by way of instant petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. invoking its inherent jurisdiction for quashing of DDR No.11 dated 12.02.2021 under Sections 325/323/354/354-A/427/506/34 IPC in the case bearing FIR No.4 dated 27.01.2021, under Sections 325/323/354/34 IPC, registered at Police Station Satnampura, District Kapurthala and all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise.

2. On 26.05.2023, parties were directed to appear before the Trial Court/ Area Magistrate and get their statements recorded with regard to the compromise arrived at between them.

3. The trial Court was directed to record the statements of all the concerned and send its report regarding genuineness and voluntary nature of the compromise.

4. In compliance of the order dated 26.05.2023, learned Sub-Divisional, Judicial Magistrate, Phagwara has recorded the statements of the parties and

submitted the report, the relevant para whereof reads as under:-

“On 05.07.2023, in compliance of the above said order, statement of complainant namely Anil Gupta, victims namely Rajni Gupta, Vishali Gupta, Piyush Gupta and accused namely Amita Rani Bhanot, Sanjana Bhanot, Reshma Bhanot, Sukhjit Singh Bhatti @ Happy have been recorded through video conference as per orders of Hon’ble Punjab & Haryana High Court.

The statements have been got recorded by the parties voluntarily and without any pressure from any quarter and the compromise so effected is genuine, voluntary and without any coercion or threat.”

5. Learned counsel for the petitioners contend that as per the allegations, on 05.01.2021, the petitioners had inflicted injuries on the person of respondent Nos.2 to 5 and also outraged the modesty of respondent No.4. Furthermore, there are allegations to the effect that petitioner No.4 had been stalking respondent No.4. It is a case of version and cross-version. The dispute has been amicably settled between the parties in terms of compromise deed dated 28.03.2023 (Annexure P-3). The parties are residing in the neighbourhood and an amicable settlement will help in maintaining cordial relations between them in future.

6. Learned counsel for respondent No.2 states that he has no objection if FIR is quashed.

7. After hearing the learned counsel for the parties and going through the record of the case, this Court is of the considered opinion that it is a fit case for exercising the inherent jurisdiction of this Court under Section 482 Cr.P.C., so as to secure the ends of justice because the parties have arrived at a settlement, out of the Court, by way of compromise. The compromise is without any pressure and a genuine one. In such a situation, continuation of the prosecution would result in sheer abuse of process of law.

8. The controversy in the instant case does not indicate that the same involves heinous or serious offences and furthermore, the private dispute has been

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sought to be amicably settled. Consequently, a deserving case is made out where the court should exercise the power to secure the ends of justice.

9. For the aforesaid view, this Court finds support from ***Kulwinder Singh and others Vs. State of Punjab and another, 2007(3) RCR (Criminal) 1052***, approved by Hon'ble Apex Court in ***Gian Singh Vs. State of Punjab and others (2012) 10 SCC 303***.

10. Considering the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case noted above, coupled with the reasons aforementioned and to secure the ends of justice, DDR No.11 dated 12.02.2021 under Sections 325/323/354/354-A/427/506/34 IPC in the case bearing FIR No.4 dated 27.01.2021, under Sections 325/323/354/34 IPC, registered at Police Station Satnampura, District Kapurthala and all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are ordered to be quashed, however, qua the petitioners only.

11. Resultantly, with the above-said observations made, the instant petition stands allowed.

09.11.2023

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(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No