

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-25958-2023

Date of Decision:06.09.2023

Monu alias Sonu and Others

.....Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and Another

.....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Karandeep Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Parneet Singh Pandher, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Jugraj Singh Waraich, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is for quashing of F.I.R. No.0074 dated 22.07.2017 registered under Sections 341, 323, 324, 148, 149 of the IPC (Sections 201 & 325 of the IPC added later on) registered at Police Station Bahawala and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 31.01.2023 (Annexure P-3).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner has been convicted by Trial Court vide judgment dated 06.09.2019 under Sections 341, 325, 324, 323, 201, 148, 149 of the IPC and sentence to undergo maximum rigorous imprisonment for 3 years in addition to fine of ₹2,500/- with default sentence. Prayer is made to quash the judgment of conviction and order of sentence.

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3. Learned counsel has referred to *“Ramgopal and another v. State of Madhya Pradesh”* 2021 SCC Online SC 834, to contend that criminal proceedings involving non-heinous offences or where offences are pre-dominantly of a private nature, can be annulled irrespective of the fact that trial has been concluded and appeal stands dismissed against conviction, under extraordinary powers enjoined upon the High Court under Section 482 Cr.P.C.

4. This Court vide order dated 22.05.2023 had directed the parties to appear before the trial Court to get their statements recorded and the learned Magistrate was directed to send its report qua the genuineness of the compromise.

5. Pursuant to the aforesaid order, parties have appeared before Learned Sessions Judge and got their statements recorded. On the basis of the statements so recorded, Learned Sessions Judge has submitted report dated 31.07.2023 to the effect that the compromise has been effected between the parties voluntarily and without any coercion or undue influence.

6. Learned State counsel concedes the factum of the compromise amongst the parties and has no objection to allow the petition and set aside the impugned judgment of conviction and order of sentence on account of the compromise having been effected between the parties.

7. Consequent to the aforesaid facts and circumstances and having regard to the legal position as explained in Ramgopal's case (*supra*), the impugned judgment of conviction and order of sentence, are hereby set aside on account of the compromise between the parties.

8. In view of the compromise between the parties, this petition is

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allowed and F.I.R. No.0074 dated 22.07.2017 registered under Sections 341, 323, 324, 148, 149 of the IPC (Sections 201 & 325 of the IPC added later on) registered at Police Station Bahawala and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 31.01.2023 (Annexure P-3), are quashed qua the petitioners.

September 06, 2023

Neetika Tuteja

(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No