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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-27840-2020
Date of decision :16.02.2023

Sukhjinder Singh @ Soni

... PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Punjab and another

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Ramesh Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Navreet Kaur Barnala, Asstt. A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Nitin Sharma, Advocate for
Mr. B.S.Jaswal, Advocate for respondent No. 2.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (ORAL)

The prayer in this petition is for quashing of an FIR No. 45 dated 21.04.2020 registered under Section 420 IPC of 1860 and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014 (Annexure P-1) at Police Station Begowal, District Kapurthala along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of a compromise arrived at between the parties.

Vide order dated 15.02.2021 this Court had directed the parties to appear before Illaqa Magistrate/Trial Court for getting their statements recorded with regard to the compromise dated 16.07.2020 (P-2).

The Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court was to submit a report in this regard giving certain details as enumerated in the said order.

Pursuant to the order dated 15.02.2021 passed by this Court, the parties have appeared before the learned Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Bholath (Kapurthala) and as per the report dated 10.03.2021 submitted to this Court, both the parties have got recorded their respective statements in Court.

A perusal of the aforesaid report would show that the parties have effected a genuine compromise without there being any pressure, coercion or undue influence. In view of the compromise there is a remote possibility of the complainant coming forward to support the prosecution case. The powers under Section 482 Cr.PC can be exercised in such like situation in order to prevent unnecessary vagaries of criminal trial to be faced by the parties, when there are remote chances of conviction of the accused. The compromise in question is found to be fully in consonance with the direction issued by the 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***”.

In view of the aforesaid report of the learned Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Bholath (Kapurthala) accompanied by statements of both the parties, the FIR No. 45 dated 21.04.2020 registered under Section 420 IPC of 1860 and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014 (Annexure P-1) at Police Station Begowal, District Kapurthala along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom are hereby quashed qua the petitioner.

Petition stands disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

16.02.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No