

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No. 244

CRM-M-44454-2021

Date of decision : 09.02.2023

Amritpal Singh and others

..... Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: None for the petitioners.

Mr.A.P.S.Tung, DAG, Punjab.

Ms.A.S.Manaise, Advocate, for respondents No.2 to 4.

DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No.104 dated 11.08.2021 registered under Sections 458, 341, 323, 506, 148, 149, 325 and 459 IPC at Police Station Dhanaula, District Barnala and all proceedings arising therefrom qua the petitioners on the basis of a compromise dated 04.10.2021 (Annexure P-2) entered into between the parties.

On 01.11.2021/24.11.2021/17.05.2022/29.09.2022 this Court had directed the parties to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/Trial Court for recording of their respective statements with regard to the compromise, who in turn was directed to submit a report along with the recorded statements with regard to the number of accused arraigned as accused; how many of them have appeared before it and have made statements; whether any of them is absconding/P.O; the name of the complainant and injured/aggrieved and whether all of them have appeared and made their statements in support of the compromise; the stage of trial/proceedings; whether the compromise is genuine, voluntary and out of free will of the parties and whether any other criminal case is pending against accused.

As directed, reports dated 04.05.2022 and 19.11.2022 from the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Barnala have been received as per which the parties had recorded their statements before the Trial Court in terms of the compromise arrived at between them; only the petitioners are arraigned as the accused; all of them have appeared and made their respective statements before the Trial Court; none of them has been declared a proclaimed offender; respondents No.2 to 4 have appeared and made their statements before the Trial Court; the compromise is genuine, voluntary and without any coercion or undue influence and that no other criminal case is pending against any of the petitioners.

Learned State counsel has no objection if the present petition is allowed.

In view of the above, continuation of the proceedings in pursuance of the afore-referred FIR in which offences are not heinous as also the matter having been compromised, would be an abuse of the process of law and in terms of the law laid down by the Supreme Court in *Narinder Singh vs State of Punjab* (2014) 6 SCC 466, this Court deems it just and proper to allow the petition and resultantly quash FIR No.104 dated 11.08.2021 registered under Sections 458, 341, 323, 506, 148, 149, 325 and 459 IPC at Police Station Dhanaula, District Barnala and all proceedings arising therefrom qua the petitioners.

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JUDGE

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