

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No. 250

CRM-M-40909-2022

Date of decision : 08.02.2023

Maneesh Kumar @ Munish Kumar and another

..... Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: Mr.M.S.Batth, Advocate, for the petitioners.

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

Mr.S.S.Gill, Advocate, for respondent No.2.

DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No.0032 dated 25.03.2022 registered under Sections 420, 120-B IPC and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2013 (Section 384 IPC added later on) at Police Station Rahon, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar and all proceedings arising therefrom qua the petitioners on the basis of a compromise (Annexure P-2) entered into between the parties.

On 08.09.2022 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 in the FIR and how many of them have appeared before it and have made statements and 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 and whether the compromise is genuine, voluntary and out of free will of the parties.

As directed, report dated 17.11.2022 from the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar has 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; they have appeared and made their statements before the Trial Court; none of them has been declared a proclaimed offender; respondent No.2 is the only complainant/injured/aggrieved and has appeared and made his statement before the Trial Court; the investigation is at an early stage and that the compromise is genuine, voluntary and out of free will of the parties.

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.0032 dated 25.03.2022 registered under Sections 420, 120-B IPC and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2013 (Section 384 IPC added later on) at Police Station Rahon, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar and all proceedings arising therefrom qua the petitioners.

08.02.2023

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[DEEPAK SIBAL]
JUDGE

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