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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-41069-2023 (O&M)

Date of decision: 28.09.2023

Gurlal Singh and others

...Petitioners

VS

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA**Present:-** None.

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Due to a call given by the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana, the Executive Committee of the Bar Association has unanimously decided not to work till 29.09.2023 in solidarity with the District Bar Association, Sri Muktsar Sahib on account of one of the Bar members who is alleged to have been falsely implicated by the police officials at Sri Muktsar Sahib.

2. Petitioners seek quashing of FIR No.071 dated 02.05.2022 registered under Sections 323, 324, 148, 149 of IPC, 1860, (Section 326 IPC added later on) at Police Station, City Patti, District Tarn Taran, Punjab and all other consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 10.03.2023 (Annexure P-2), stated to have been arrived between the parties.

3. Since quashing was sought on the basis of compromise, this Court on 21.08.2023 had directed the parties to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court for recording their statements in support of the compromise. A veracity report was also called for.

4. Report dated 14.09.2023 of learned Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate Patti had been received. Report reveals that statements of complainant party i.e. respondent No.2 as also of accused/present petitioners herein, were duly recorded. It is opined that a compromise has been arrived at without any pressure, undue influence or coercion. The report is accompanied by the statements of parties. It is apparent that the complainant/respondent No.2 and accused/petitioners have arrived at a compromise voluntarily and without any coercion.

5. It is stated in the report that respondent No.2 would have no objection to the quashing of FIR in question.
6. This Court in appropriate cases can exercise the power under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of criminal proceedings/FIR on the basis of compromise. A reference in this regard may be made to a decision dated 29.09.2021 of the Supreme Court in case titled “*Ramgopal and anr. V. The State of Madhya Pradesh*”¹ and a Full Bench decision of this Court in “*Kulwinder Singh and others V. State of Punjab and others*”² .
7. In the premise it is an appropriate case for exercise of power under Section 482 Cr.P.C. and to bring to an end the criminal proceedings initiated in the light of impugned FIR.
8. Petition is thus allowed. FIR No. 071 dated 02.05.2022 registered under Sections 323, 324, 148, 149 of IPC, 1860, (Section 326 IPC added later on) at Police Station, City Patti, District Tarn Taran, Punjab all proceedings emanating there from *qua* the petitioners stand quashed.
9. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

28.09.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No