

Hence, proceedings qua Sham Sunder has been abated in the Trial Court.

[3]. Learned counsel for the petitioners further contends that during the pendency of the proceedings, with the intervention of respectables and elderly people of the society, the parties have arrived at a settlement vide compromise deed dated 18.08.2023 (Annexure P-2), which is duly signed by them. The matter was referred to the Court below for recording of statements of the parties and to report with respect to genuineness of the compromise arrived at between the parties.

[4]. Learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Jalandhar, vide report dated 06.10.2023 has apprised this Court that the compromise arrived at between the parties is genuine and without any pressure. It is further reported that in compliance to the order dated 05.09.2023, the petitioners have also deposited the amount of Rs. 10,000/- before the Punjab and Haryana High court Bar Association Lawyer's Family Welfare Fund. Photocopy of the deposit slip, duly certified, is also enclosed herewith.

[5]. Respondent No. 2 is represented by his counsel and does not oppose the compromise.

[6]. In view of the aforesaid report of the learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Jalandhar, and in view of the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in "***Gian Singh Vs. State of Punjab and another***", 2012(4) RCR (Criminal) 543 and "***Narinder Singh and Others Vs. State of Punjab and Another***", (2014) 6 SCC 466, this Court is of the opinion that

no useful purpose can be served by keeping with the criminal proceedings pending, since respondent No. 2 has himself compromised the dispute with the petitioners/ accused persons.

[7]. In the circumstances, the present petition is allowed. FIR No. 153 dated 12.11.2016 under Sections 380, 420, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Division No. 4, Jalandhar, District Jalandhar City (Annexure P-1) and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed on the basis of compromise qua the present petitioners.

11.10.2023
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(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |