

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-45351 of 2023
Date of decision: 13th October, 2023

Ranjit Singh @ Raju and others

Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. AS Prajapati, Advocate for the petitioners.
Mr. Jashanpreet Singh, DAG, Punjab.
Mr. Anil Kumar Sepia, Advocate for respondents No. 2 & 3.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

1. This is a petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No. 37, dated 22nd June, 2023, under Sections 324, 323, 325, 341, 148 and 149 of the IPC Act, 1860, registered at Police Station Kotli Surat Mallian, Batala, District Gurdaspur, Punjab and all other subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 17th July, 2023.
2. As per the FIR, there was an altercation with regard to distribution of land and injuries were inflicted.
3. The parties with the intervention of respectables have compromised the matter.
4. On 12.9.2023, the parties were directed to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial court for getting their statements recorded with regard to compromise.
5. The report dated 4.10.2023 is received stating that the compromise is genuine, voluntary, without any coercion or undue influence and there are seven accused (petitioners herein) and they have not been declared as proclaimed offender.

6. Learned counsel for the complainant on instructions submits that he is not pressing the allegations in the DDR.

7. Full Bench of this Court in ***Kulwinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab, 2007 (3) RCR (Criminal) 1052***, has held:-

“There is no statutory bar in Cr.P.C. which affects inherent power of this Court under Section 482. The power of quashing is not limited to matrimonial cases alone.”

8. The Supreme Court in ***Parbatbhai Aahir @ Parbatbhai Bhimsinhbhai Karmur and others v. State of Gujarat and another, 2017 AIR (SC) 4843*** laid down the broad principles governing the exercise of powers for quashing of FIR. It was held that the power under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is to be exercised by the High Court to secure the ends of justice, to prevent abuse of any process of law and in cases where in view of the compromise the possibility of conviction is remote and continuation of proceeding will cause oppression and prejudice.

9. The parties are from same village. With the intervention of friends and relatives, the parties have decided to forget and forgive and to save their relations to an extent possible. No useful purpose would be served by continuing with the trial. Due to compromise, there are bleak chances of conviction. To meet the ends of justice, the FIR mentioned above and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom are quashed.

10. The petition is allowed.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE

13th October, 2023
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1. Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes / No
2. Whether reportable	:	Yes / No