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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

**CRM-29242-2023 IN/AND
CRM-M-47388-2022 (O&M)
Date of decision: July 21, 2023**

Sahib Singh @ Saba and others

....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present:- Mr. Anuj Dewan, Advocate for petitioners.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Additional AG Punjab.

Mr. Malkiat S. Hundal, Advocate
for respondents No.2 and 3.

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

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For the reasons stated in application, same is allowed. Main case, which is slated for hearing on 05.09.2023, is preponed and the same is taken up on Board for hearing today itself. Earlier date stands cancelled. Registry to do the needful.

Main case (O&M)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short 'Cr. P.C.') seeking quashing of FIR No.14 dated 23.01.2022, under Sections 324, 326, 148 read with Section 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short 'IPC'), registered at Police Station Kamoj, Amritsar Rural and subsequent proceedings thereto, on the basis of compromise dated 03.10.2022 (Annexure P-2/T), which is stated to have been entered into between the parties.

2. Since quashing was sought on the basis of compromise, this Court on 17.10.2022 had directed the parties to appear before the trial Court/ *Illaq*a Magistrate for recording of their statements in support of the compromise. A veracity report was also called for.

3. Placed on record is a report dated 17.02.2023 of learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Amritsar and a perusal of the same would reveal that the statements of the complainant /respondents No.2 and 3 as also of the accused/present petitioners herein have been duly recorded and it has been opined that a compromise has been arrived and is without any pressure, duress, inducement and threat of any kind from any corner voluntarily with their free will. The report is accompanied by the statements of the parties which were duly recorded.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondents No.2 and 3 also makes a statement that the compromise having been effected, he would have no objection to the quashing of the FIR in question.

5. 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.

6. Adverting back to the facts of the present case, it is apparent that the complainant/respondents and accused/petitioners are resident of same village and are neighbours and compromise has been arrived at between the parties voluntary and without any coercion.

7. In the considered view of this Court, it would be 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 the impugned FIR.

8. For the reasons recorded above, the present petition is allowed. FIR No.14 dated 23.01.2022, under Sections 324, 326, 148 read with Section 149 of IPC, registered at Police Station Kamoj, Amritsar (Rural) and all proceedings emanating therefrom *qua* the petitioners stand quashed.

¹Criminal Appeal No.1489 of 2012

9. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

July 21, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No