

266 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-48480-2023
Date of decision: 19.12.2023

INDERPAL SINGH DHALIWAL AND ANR

...PETITIONERS

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Tarranum Madan, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Madhur Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. S.S. Kang, Advocate for
Mr. Arshdeep Singh Cheema, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking quashing of FIR No.179 dated 22.06.2019 registered under Sections 177, 420, 467, 468, 471 read with Sections 120-B/34 of Indian Penal Code at Police Station Division Number 8, District Ludhiana (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom in view of the compromise dated 04.09.2023 (Annexure P-3).

2. The FIR has been registered on the statement of complainant-respondent No.2, on the allegations that the accused-petitioners and their daughter, in connivance with each other, produced false and tampered bills by writing the name of their daughter to set it against respondent No.2 that the jewellery was purchased by the daughter of the petitioners, which was entrusted to respondent No.2 and harassed respondent No.2 on account of the

same. Now with the intervention of respectable persons, the matter has been amicably compromised between the parties and they have resolved their disputes and differences.

3. Keeping in view the fact that the parties have entered into a compromise, they were directed to appear before the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate for getting their statements recorded in support of the compromise. In pursuance of the direction, a report has been received from Judicial Magistrate First Class, Ludhiana stating that the compromise arrived at between the parties is without any pressure or coercion from any one and the same is genuine one.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from the Investigating Officer and learned counsel for the complainant-respondent No.2 admit the factum of compromise and submit that in case the parties have indeed settled their dispute, the State would have no objection to the quashing of the FIR, in view of the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record with their able assistance.

6. In a decision, based on compromise, none of the parties is a loser. Rather, a compromise not only brings peace and harmony between the parties to a dispute, but also restores tranquility in the society. After considering the nature of offences allegedly committed and the fact that both the parties have amicably settled their dispute, continuance of criminal prosecution would be an exercise in futility, as the chances of ultimate conviction are bleak. A two Judge Bench of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Shakunta Sawhney (Mrs) Vs. Kaushalya (Mrs.) and others (1980) 1 SCC 63*, speaking through Justice

V.R. Krishna Iyer, has held as under:-

“4.*The finest hour of justice arrives propitiously when parties, despite falling apart, bury the hatchet and weave a sense of fellowship or reunion.....*”

7. Consequently, keeping in view the fact that the dispute has been amicably settled and in view of the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Narinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and another, (2014) 6 SCC 466 and Ramgopal and another Vs. State of Madhya Pradesh 2021 SCC OnLine SC 834* and Full Bench of this Court in *Kulwinder Singh Vs. State of Punjab 2007 (3) RCR (Crl.) 1052*, this petition is allowed and FIR No.179 dated 22.06.2019 registered under Sections 177, 420, 467, 468, 471 read with Sections 120-B/34 of Indian Penal Code at Police Station Division Number 8, District Ludhiana (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising out of the same are quashed qua the petitioners.

December 19, 2023
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(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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