

**255 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-57252-2022

Date of Decision: January 16, 2023

SUKHDEV SINGH AND OTHERS

..... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND ANOTHER

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr.A.S. Barnala, Advocate for petitioners.

Mr. Ramesh Kumar Ambavta, AAG, Haryana.

Mr. Kawaldeep Kaur, Advocate

for the complainant-respondent No.2.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (ORAL)

By way of present petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. the petitioners pray for quashing FIR No.164, dated 03.11.2018 (Annexure P-1), under Sections 420, 379, 409, 465, 467, 471, 120-B IPC registered at Police Station Zira, District Ferozepur along with all consequential proceedings arising out of the same on the basis of the compromise/affidavit dated 21.09.2022 (Annexure P-2).

2. As per the allegations levelled in the FIR, a cheque was stolen by petitioner No.1 to be misused in connivance with petitioner Nos.2-4.

3. In pursuance to an Order dated 19.12.2022 passed by this Court whereby, the parties were directed to appear before trial Court for getting their statements recorded as regards the veracity of the compromise arrived at between them, report dated 12.01.2023 has been received from the concerned Court, stating that the compromise in the present case is valid, genuine, voluntary and without any coercion or undue influence. It has also been pointed out that out of the total five

accused named in the FIR, four have approached the Court and have never been declared as proclaimed offenders in the case.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that once, a compromise has been arrived at between the parties without any pressure and respondent No.2 has no objection as regard quashing of FIR as well as all other subsequent proceedings arising out of the same against the petitioners; the dispute purely personal in nature, there does not appear to be any impediment as regards quashing of present FIR, in part, qua the petitioner. He also submits that even, in order to maintain peace and harmony between the parties, particularly under the circumstances wherein the alleged offences have no societal interest involved, it would be appropriate to render complete quietus to the aforementioned dispute by quashing the FIR in question, qua the petitioners, on the basis of compromise entered into between the parties. As regards the partial quashing of FIR, the petitioners places reliance upon law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court as well as this Court in judgments passed in **"Kartik and Ors. Vs. State of Punjab and Anr. In CRM-m-11672-2022, "Rajesh Rana and Ors. Vs. State of Punjab and Anr. In CRM-M-42829-2021", "Rajinder Singh Vs. State of Punjab and Anr. In CRM-M-37395-2016", "Jayrasinh Digvijaysinh Rana Vs. State of Gujarat and Anr. 2012(4) R.C.R.(Criminal) 589", "Amruth Kumar and Anr. VS. Smt. Chithra Shetty and Anr. 2010(4) R.C.R.(Criminal) 256", "Parambir Singh Gill Vs. Malkiat Kaur 2010(1) R.C.R. (Criminal) 256".**

5. On the other hand, placing strong reliance upon the allegations leveled in the FIR, the prayer made in the present petition has been opposed at the instance of learned State counsel who submits that the

petitioner had in fact played fraud upon the complainant by trying to alienate Government land in his favour. He also raises an objection as regards the partial quashing of the FIR only qua the petitioners. Learned State counsel submits that allegations in the present FIR are of serious nature and he thus opposes the prayer made in the petition.

6. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the paper-book as well as law cited at the bar. The parties having settled their dispute so as to live in peace in future, no useful purpose would be served by proceeding further with the criminal proceedings. In the light of above developments, no cause remains for the trial Court to invest further time and effort in adjudicating this FIR. The compromise in question is even found to be fully in consonance with the direction issued by the Court in ***Kulwinder Singh & Ors. Vs. State of Punjab 2007(3) RCR(Criminal) 1052 and Gian Singh Vs. State of Punjab & Anr., 2012(4) RCR (Crl.) 543***". Still further, as regards the objection raised at the instance of the learned State Counsel regarding the maintainability of the present petition seeking quashing of the FIR qua the petitioners only, in view of the law cited at the bar, at the instance of the petitioner I do not see any substance in the aforesaid submission.

7. Thus, in view of the aforesaid report, accompanied by statements of both the parties as well as keeping in mind the law laid down in the aforementioned judgments, the FIR No.164, dated 03.11.2018 (Annexure P-1), under Sections 420, 379, 409, 465, 467, 471, 120-B IPC registered at Police Station Zira, District Ferozepur along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, qua the petitioners herein are hereby quashed.

8. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of but subject to deposit of a sum of Rs.40,000/- by the petitioners within a period of two weeks from today in the following account:-

Account name: Punjab and Haryana high court
Association Lawyer’s Welfare Fund
Account No: 41564846387
Bank Name: S.B.I. High Court Branch.

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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>