

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

(245)

**CRM-M-60138-2022
Date of Decision: 27.02.2023**

Rajpreet Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. A. V. Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Pankaj Khullar, AAG, Punjab

Mr. S. P. S. Khaira, Advocate, for the respondent No.2 & 3.

HARKESH MANUJA, J.(ORAL)

By way of present petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C., petitioner prays for quashing of FIR No.137 dated 21.10.2020, registered under Sections 66(c) of Information and Technology Act, 2000 and Sections 294, 506 IPC at Police Station Sadar, District Ludhiana (Annexure P-1) along with all consequential proceedings arising out of the same on the basis of compromise dated 17.11.2022 (Annexure P-2).

2. In the present case, petitioner hacked the facebook account of respondent No.3-Navneet Grewal, and misused the same by sending wrong messages and uploading editing photographs, resulting into registration of the present FIR.

3. In pursuance to an order dated 16.01.2023 passed by this Court, whereby the parties were directed to appear before the trial Court for getting their statements recorded as regards, the veracity of compromise arrived at between them, report dated 21.02.2023 has been received from the concerned

voluntary and without any coercion or under influence. There is no other accused except the present petitioner and there are two respondents/complainant namely, Gurinderjit Singh and Navneet Grewal. Petitioner has not been declared as proclaimed offender. The stage of trial was fixed for evidence of prosecution.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that once, the compromise has been arrived at between the parties without any pressure and respondent No.2 & 3 have no objection as regards quashing of FIR as well as other subsequent proceedings arising out of the same against the petitioner, the dispute being purely personal in nature, there does not appear to be any impediment as regards quashing of present FIR. He further submits that 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 on the basis of compromise entered into between the parties.

5. On the other hand learned State counsel submits that petitioner hacked the facebook account of respondent No.3 and misused the same by sending wrong messages and uploading editing photographs.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties, they having settled their dispute so as to live peacefully 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 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*.

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 judgment, FIR No.137 dated 21.10.2020, registered under Sections 66(c) of Information and Technology Act, 2000 and Sections 294, 506 IPC at Police Station Sadar, District Ludhiana (Annexure P-1) as well as all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom are hereby quashed.

8. The aforesaid order shall however, be subject to payment of costs of Rs.5,000/- to be deposited with the Punjab and Haryana High Court Association Lawyer's Family Welfare Fund having Account No.41564846387 with State Bank of India, High Court Branch, Chandigarh, within a period of two weeks from today.

Petition stands allowed.

(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

27.02.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No