

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

CRM-M-57799-2023

Date of Decision: 20.12.2023

Gurjant Singh and another

.....Petitioner(s)

Vs.

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Ms. Neha Bindal, Advocate for
 Mr. Satbir Singh Gill, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Madhu Sharma, AAG, Punjab

Mr. Karambir Singh Randhawa, Advocate for respondent No.2.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR J. (ORAL)

1. This petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking quashing of FIR No.0115 dated 04.10.2023 under Section 420, 120-B, 465, 467, 468, 471 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014, registered at Police Station Kathu Nangal, District Amritsar (Rural) (Annexure P-1) alongwith all subsequent proceedings on the basis of compromise dated 08.11.2023 (Annexure P-2).

2. The FIR has been registered on the statement of complainant - Shamsher Singh-respondent No. 2 on the allegations that the present petitioners alongwith co-accused defrauded the complainant on the ground of sending him abroad and duped huge amount of money from him. 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 dated 11.12.2023 has been received from JMIC, Amritsar, 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 admitted 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. The parties have arrived at a compromise and settled their dispute. 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 **Parambir Singh Gill Vs. Malkiat Kaur 2010(1) RCR (Crl.) 256, Jayaraj Singh Digvijay Singh Rana Vs. State of Gujrat and Another 2012(4) RCR (Crl.) 589, 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.0115 dated 04.10.2023 under Section 420, 120-B, 465, 467, 468, 471 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014, registered at Police Station Kathu Nangal, District Amritsar (Rural) and all subsequent proceedings arising out of the same are quashed qua the petitioners only.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

December 20, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	No