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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-2323-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 25.04.2024

GAUTAM SEKHRI AND OTHERS

...PETITIONERS

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Abhishek Thakur, Advocate for
Mr. Hardik Ahluwalia, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Rishabh Singla, AAG Punjab.

Mr. Anish Verma, 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. 104 dated 16.06.2020 registered under Sections 498-A, 420, 494, 342 and 506 of Indian Penal Code at Police Station Fatehgarh Sahib, District Fatehgarh Sahib and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise/settlement dated 18.12.2023 (Annexure P-2).

2. The following order was passed on 18.01.2024:

“The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for quashing of FIR No.104 dated 16.06.2020 under Sections 498-A, 420, 494, 342 and 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 registered at Police Station Fatehgarh Sahib and all other consequential proceedings arising there-from on the ground that the parties have since compromised the matter vide compromise deed dated 18.12.2023 (Annexure P-2).

Learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that the parties have since compromised the matter and the compromise deed dated 18.12.2023 has been appended with the present petition as Annexure P-2. Learned counsel further contends that petitioner and respondent No.2 have filed a petition under Section 13-B of the

Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 wherein first motion statements have been recorded and now the case is pending for recording of second motion statements. Learned counsel for the petitioners has relied upon the judgment by the Larger Bench's judgment of this Court in "Kulwinder Singh & Ors. Vs. State of Punjab & Anr." [2007 (3) RCR (Criminal) 1052].

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Kanika Sachdev, AAG Punjab waives service on behalf of respondent No.1-State. Mr. Anish Verma, Advocate, Advocate accepts notice for respondent No.2. Copy of the petition has already been supplied to both the counsel.

Learned counsel appearing for respondent No.2 has stated that the parties have voluntarily entered into a compromise and that the compromise is annexed as Annexure P-2 with the petition. He further states that respondent No.2 has no objection if the aforesaid FIR is quashed.

List on 25.04.2024.

Meanwhile, the parties are directed to appear before the concerned CJM/Illaq Magistrate/Trial Court on 12.03.2024, or on any other date convenient to the Court, for recording of their statements. The CJM/Illaq Magistrate/Trial Court is directed to record the statements of the parties to its satisfaction qua the genuineness of the compromise and that the same is not the result of any undue influence, coercion or pressure of any kind. A report, along-with the statements of the parties, on the following points be sent to this Court before the next date of hearing:

- 1) Whether the settlement/compromise dated 18.12.2023 (Annexure P-2) has been freely entered into between the parties without any undue influence, coercion or pressure of any kind.*
- 2) Whether any other criminal cases are pending against the parties.*
- 3) Whether any proclamation proceedings are pending against either of the parties."*

3. In compliance of the aforesaid order, a report has been received from the concerned jurisdictional Court that the compromise between the parties is genuine and arrived at without any pressure or coercion from anyone.

4. In view of the compromise and the ratio of law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Narinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and another, (2014) 6 SCC 466, Ramgopal and another Vs. State of**

Madhya Pradesh 2021 SCC OnLine SC 834 and Shakuntala Sawhney (Mrs) Vs. Kaushalya (Mrs.) and others (1980) 1 SCC 63 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. 104 dated 16.06.2020 registered under Sections 498-A, 420, 494, 342 and 506 of Indian Penal Code at Police Station Fatehgarh Sahib, District Fatehgarh Sahib and all subsequent proceedings arising out of the same are quashed, qua the petitioners.

5. In case, the petitioner No. 1-husband fails to abide by the terms and conditions of the compromise, the respondent No. 2 would be at liberty to seek revival of the present petition.

April 25, 2024
Manisha

(i) Whether speaking/reasoned

(ii) Whether reportable

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)

JUDGE

Yes/No

Yes/No