

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-27476-2024  
Reserved on : 23.07.2024  
Pronounced on : 30.07.2024

Gurpreet Singh .....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and another .....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present: Mr. P.K.S. Phoolka, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhdev Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Davinder Kumar, Advocate  
for respondent No.2.

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ANOOP CHITKARA J.

| FIR No. | Dated      | Police Station                              | Sections                                                    |
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| 182     | 01.11.2020 | Civil Lines, Bathinda,<br>District Bathinda | 420, 422, 424, 34 IPC and 82(a) of<br>Registration Act 1908 |

The petitioner, arraigned as accused in the above captioned FIR, has come up before this Court under Section 482 CrPC for quashing of the FIR and all consequential proceedings based on the compromise with the aggrieved person.

2. During the pendency of the petition, the accused and the aggrieved person have compromised the matter, and its copy is annexed with this petition as Annexure P-2.
3. After that, the petitioner came up before this Court to quash the FIR, and in the quashing petition, impleading the aggrieved person as respondent.
4. This court had asked the parties to appear before the concerned court and had asked the said court to give its report as per the format. The report reads as follows:

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| Name of the reporting Court | Ms. Jyoti Kumari, Judicial Magistrate, Ist Class, Bathinda |
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| Criminal Case no.<br>before trial Court | CHI-996-2023 |
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| 1.  | Names of the complainant/ victims(s)/ aggrieved persons(s)                                                      | Sanjeev Kumar                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2.  | Dates on which the statement(s) of the complainant/ victims(s)/ aggrieved persons(s) were recorded              | 07.06.2024                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 3.  | Has the identity of the complainant/ victims(s)/ aggrieved persons(s) been verified?                            | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 4.  | Whether all the victims/ all the aggrieved persons have compromised the matter?                                 | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 5.  | Is there pressure, threat, or coercion upon the victim(s)/aggrieved person(s)/complainant?                      | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 6.  | Names of the accused person(s)                                                                                  | Gurdeep Singh (since deceased) and Gurpreet Sigh                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 7.  | Dates on which the statement(s) of the accused persons(s) recorded                                              | 07.06.2024                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 8.  | Whether all the accused have compromised the matter? If no, then the names of the accused who have compromised. | Yes, as there were two accused persons in the present FIR, out of which one accused namely Gurdeep Singh has passed away on 31.12.2023 and proceedings against him has already been abated. As such, there remains only one accused who has compromised the matter with the complainant |
| 9.  | Whether proclamation proceedings are pending against any accused?                                               | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 10. | Has the police report been filed or not?                                                                        | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 11. | Notice of accusation /Charges have been framed or not?                                                          | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 12. | Sections of statutes invoked in the matter                                                                      | 420, 422, 424 IPC and Section 82(A) of Registration Act 1908                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 13. | Whether the court is satisfied with the genuineness of the compromise?                                          | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

ANALYSIS & REASONING:

5. Despite the severe opposition of the State’s counsel to this compromise, the following asects would be relevant to conclude this petition: -

- a) The accused and the private respondent have amicably settled the matter between them in terms of the compromise deed and the statements recorded before the concerned Court;
- b) A perusal of the documents reveal that the settlement has not been secured through coercion, threats, social boycotts, bribes, or other dubious means;

- c) The aggrieved person has willingly consented to the nullification of criminal proceedings;
- d) There is no objection from the private respondent in case present FIR and consequent proceedings are quashed;
- e) In the given facts, the occurrence does not affect public peace or tranquillity, moral turpitude or harm the social and moral fabric of the society or involve matters concerning public policy;
- f) The rejection of compromise may also lead to ill will. The pendency of trial affects career and happiness;
- g) There is nothing on the record to prima facie consider the accused as an unscrupulous, incorrigible, or professional offender;
- h) The purpose of criminal jurisprudence is reformatory in nature and to work to bring peace to family, community, and society;
- i) The exercise of the inherent power for quashing FIR and all consequential proceedings is justified to secure the ends of justice.

6. In the present case, all the offences are compoundable under Section 320 CrPC. Given the legislative mandate, the prosecution can be closed by quashing the FIR and consequent proceedings.

7. In Shakuntala Sawhney v Kaushalya Sawhney, (1979) 3 SCR 639, at P 642, Hon'ble Supreme Court observed that the finest hour of Justice arises propitiously when parties, who fell apart, bury the hatchet and weave a sense of fellowship or reunion.

8. In the light of the judicial precedents referred to above, given the terms of compromise, placement of parties, and other factors peculiar to the case, the contents of the compromise deed and its objectives point towards its acceptance.

9. In Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association v State of Himachal Pradesh, 2018 (4) Crimes 324, Hon'ble Supreme Court holds "[47]. As far as Writ Petition (Criminal) No. 135 of 2017 is concerned, the appellants came to this Court challenging the order of cognizance only because of the reason that matter was already pending as the appellants had filed the Special Leave Petitions against the order of the High Court rejecting their petition for quashing of the FIR/Chargesheet. Having regard to these peculiar facts, writ petition has also been entertained. In any case, once we hold that FIR needs to be quashed, order of cognizance would automatically stands vitiated."

10. Considering the entire facts, compromise, and in the light of the above-mentioned judicial precedents, I believe that continuing these proceedings will not suffice any fruitful purpose whatsoever. In the facts and circumstances peculiar to this case, the Court invokes

the inherent jurisdiction under section 482 CrPC and quashes the FIR and all subsequent proceedings qua the petitioner(s). The bail bonds of the petitioner(s) are discharged accordingly.

**Petition allowed in the terms mentioned above.** All pending application(s), if any, stand closed.

(ANOOP CHITKARA)  
JUDGE

July 30, 2024  
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes  
Whether reportable: **No.**