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271 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 22.01.2024

GURPREET SINGH

...PETITIONER

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: None.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking quashing of FIR No.4 dated 07.01.2017 registered under Sections 326, 323 and 324 of Indian Penal Code at Police Station Maloud, District Khanna (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom in view of the compromise dated 22.03.2022 (Annexure P-2).

2. The FIR has been registered on the statement of complainant on the allegations that on 01.01.2017, when he was standing outside his door, his neighbor-Gurpreet Singh (petitioner herein) came towards him and asked him to hit his abandoned cow with *dang* (stick) and when the complainant refused to do so, the petitioner armed with his sword (*kirpan*) gave blows on the right side of hand and left shoulder of the complainant. Now with the intervention of respectable persons, the matter has been amicably compromised between the parties and they have resolved their disputes and differences.

2. In view of the resolution passed by Bar Association of Punjab and Haryana High Court, there is no representation on behalf of the parties but

perusal of the pleadings indicates that the compromise has been effected between the parties.

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 has been received from Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Payal, 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. In a decision, based on compromise, none of the parties is a loser. Rather, 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.....”

5. 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 ***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.4 dated

07.01.2017 registered under Sections 326, 323 and 324 of Indian Penal Code at Police Station Maloud, District Khanna (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising out of the same are quashed qua petitioner.

January 22, 2024
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(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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| (i) | Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| (ii) | Whether reportable | Yes/No |