

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M No.35243 of 2023 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 08.01.2024

HEAVANPREET SINGH

.....Petitioner(s)

Vs

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHERRespondents

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA*

Present: Mr. B.S. Jaswal, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Gurlal Singh Dhillon, Asstt. A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Ankit Bhardwaj, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (Oral)

1. By way of present petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C., prayer is made for quashing of FIR No.20 dated 26.05.2022 registered under Sections 406/498-A IPC at Police Station Women, Commissionerate, Distt. Amritsar (Annexure P-1) along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 06.07.2023 (Annexure P-2).

2. Notice of motion was issued on 04.12.2023 and both the parties were directed to appear before the Trial Court/Illaq Magistrate for recording their statements with regard to the validity of compromise.

3. In pursuance of the aforesaid order dated 04.12.2023 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, a report dated 22.12.2023 has been received from the concerned court, stating that compromise effected between the parties is genuine, voluntary and without any coercion or undue influence. No accused has been declared as proclaimed offender.

4. Thus once, the compromise has been arrived at between the parties without any pressure and respondent No.2 having no objection as regards quashing of FIR as well as all other subsequent proceedings arising out of the same against the petitioner(s); there does not appear to be any impediment as regards quashing of present FIR qua the petitioner(s). Even otherwise, in order to maintain peace and harmony between the parties, particularly under the present 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. The parties having settled their dispute so as to live in peace 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 even 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.**

6. 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 judgments, the FIR No.20 dated 26.05.2022 registered under

Sections 406/498-A IPC at Police Station Women, Distt. Amritsar as well as all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom are hereby quashed qua the petitioner(s).

7. Accordingly, petition stands allowed however subject to payment of cost(s) of Rs.10,000/- to be deposited by the petitioner(s) 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.

January 08, 2024

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

(HARKESH MANUJA)

JUDGE

Yes/No

Yes/No