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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 13.11.2024

Sukhraj SinghPetitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and anotherRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURBIR SINGH

Present: Mr. B. S. Aulakh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. R. S. Bhatta, DAG Punjab.

Mr. R. S. Sekhon, Advocate, for
Mr. Tanvir Joshi, Advocate, for respondent No.2.

GURBIR SINGH, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No.196, dated 09.08.2019, under Section 420 IPC 1860, registered at Police Station City Sri Muktsar Sahib, District Sri Muktsar Sahib and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise dated 01.10.2022 (Annexure P-2).
2. This Court, vide order dated 28.02.2024, had directed the parties to appear before the trial Court/Duty Magistrate to get their statements recorded and the learned Magistrate was directed to send the report qua the genuineness of the compromise.
3. In compliance thereof, report dated 28.06.2024 from learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Sri Muktsar Sahib, has been received through the District & Sessions Judge, Sri Muktsar Sahib, with statements of the parties, in which, it has been mentioned that the compromise is genuine and has been effected between the parties voluntarily, without any coercion or undue influence.
4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent No.2-

complainant has not disputed the factum of compromise.

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5. Learned State counsel submits that in case the parties have indeed settled their dispute, the State would have no objection to the quashing of the FIR.

6. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record.

7. 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.

8. Following the principles laid down by the Full Bench judgment of this Court in *Kulwinder Singh and others Versus State of Punjab and another 2007 (3) RCR (Criminal) 1052* and approved by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Gian Singh Versus State of Punjab and others (2012) 10 SCC 303*, this petition is allowed and FIR No.196, dated 09.08.2019, under Section 420 IPC 1860, registered at Police Station City Sri Muktsar Sahib, District Sri Muktsar Sahib (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom are quashed qua the petitioner on the basis of compromise dated 01.10.2022 (Annexure P-2).

(GURBIR SINGH)
JUDGE

13.11.2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No