

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M-46401-2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 14.02.2024**

Gurmit Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. V.K. Sandhir, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl. A.G. Punjab
for respondent No. 1.

Mr. Umesh Kumar Kanwar, Advocate
for respondent No. 2.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner, by way of present petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C., seeks quashing of FIR No. 0037 dated 14.07.2023 (Annexure P-1) under Sections 365, 323 and 149 of IPC, registered at Police Station Airport, District Amritsar, all consequential proceedings arising out of the same on the basis of compromise dated 15.07.2023 (Annexures P-2 & P-3).

[2] This Court, while issuing notice of motion vide order dated 09.10.2023, directed the parties to appear before the Trial Court/Illaq Magistrate for recording their statements with regard to the validity of compromise.

[3] In pursuance of above order dated 09.10.2023, a report dated 09.11.2023 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. However, victim Jashandeep Singh did not appear for getting his statement recorded. Thereafter, vide order dated 20.10.2023, Jashandeep Singh had appeared before the CJM, Amritsar and got his statement recorded. Report dated 06.01.2024 in this regard, has been received from CJM, Amritsar, stating that the victim Jashandeep Singh has admitted the factum of compromise with the petitioner.

[4] Thus once, the compromise has been arrived at between the parties without any pressure and respondent No. 2 have no objection as regards quashing of FIR as well as all other subsequent proceedings arising out of the same against the petitioners; there does not appear to be any impediment as regards quashing of present FIR *qua* the petitioners. 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 facts, accompanied by statements of both the parties as well as keeping in mind the law laid down in the aforementioned judgments, the petition is **allowed** and the FIR (supra) as well as all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom are hereby quashed *qua* the petitioners.

[7] The aforesaid order shall, however, be subject to payment of costs of Rs. 20,000/- to be deposited by the petitioners with the Poor Patients Welfare Fund of the PGIMER, Chandigarh, within a period of two weeks from today.

February 14, 2024

(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

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Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No