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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 30.05.2024

Girraj Saini and others

.... Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NIDHI GUPTA

Present: - Mr. B.S. Tewatia, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Aditya Pal Singla, AAG, Haryana.

Mr. Ashok Kaushik, Advocate for respondents No. 2 and 3.

NIDHI GUPTA, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is for quashing of FIR No.1218 dated 23.10.2017 (Annexure P-1) registered under Sections 148, 149, 323, 452, 506, 354, 379A, 452 and 506 IPC at Police Station Faridabad Central, District Faridabad and all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 11.10.2022 (Annexure P-2) effected between the parties.

Pursuant to the order dated 24.01.2024 passed by this Court, the parties have appeared before the learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Faridabad, to get their statements recorded. Learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Faridabad, has submitted his report along with statements of the parties vide letter dated 16.03.2024 duly forwarded by the learned District and Sessions Judge, Faridabad.



A perusal of the above said report would show that the petitioners and respondents No. 2 and 3 have appeared and suffered statements with respect to the compromise which have been found to be genuine, voluntary and without any coercion and undue influence. It has further been reported that there are total 05 accused in the present case and one accused, namely, Manjeet Saini, has expired on 01.03.2019 and proceedings against him were dropped vide order dated 31.05.2019.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, submits that the petitioners in the present case are nephews of respondent No. 2-complainant. There is some family dispute between the parties and the present FIR has been lodged on account of some misapprehension on the part of respondent No. 2. Now better sense has prevailed between the parties and in order to live peacefully, parties have entered into compromise, according to which, both the parties have agreed not to proceed further with the FIR in question. Further, it is submitted that none of the petitioners have ever been declared as proclaimed offender(s).

Learned State counsel has stated that he has 'no objection' in case the FIR is quashed on the basis of compromise qua the petitioners.

This Court has heard the learned counsel for the parties and has perused the file.

After perusing the report submitted by the learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Faridabad, this Court finds that the matter has been amicably settled between the petitioners and respondent No. 2 to 5. Since

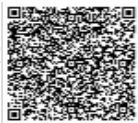


the matter has been settled and the parties have decided to live in peace, this Court feels that in order to secure the ends of justice, the criminal proceedings deserve to be quashed.

As per the Full Bench judgment of this Court in ***“Kulwinder Singh and others Vs State of Punjab”, 2007 (3) RCR (Criminal) 1052***, it is held that High Court has power under Section 482 Cr.P.C. to allow the compounding of non-compoundable offence and quash the proceedings where the High Court is of the opinion that the same is required to prevent the abuse of the process of law or otherwise to secure the ends of justice. This power of quashing is not confined to matrimonial disputes alone.

Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of ***“Gian Singh Vs. State of Punjab and another”, 2012 (4) RCR (Criminal) 543***, had also observed that in order to secure the ends of justice or to prevent the abuse of process of Court, inherent power can be used by this Court to quash criminal proceedings in which a compromise has been effected. The relevant portion of para 57 of the said judgment is reproduced here-in-below:-

“57. The position that emerges from the above discussion can be summarised thus: the power of the High Court in quashing a criminal proceeding or FIR or complaint in exercise of its inherent jurisdiction is distinct and different from the power given to a criminal court for compounding the offences under Section 320 of the Code. Inherent power is of wide plenitude with no statutory limitation but it has to be exercised in accord with the guideline engrafted in such power viz; (i) to secure the ends of justice or (ii) to prevent



abuse of the process of any Court.”

In view of what has been discussed here-in-above, this petition is allowed and FIR No.1218 dated 23.10.2017 (Annexure P-1) registered under Sections 148, 149, 323, 452, 506, 354, 379A, 452 and 506 IPC at Police Station Faridabad Central, District Faridabad and all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 11.10.2022 (Annexure P-2) effected between the parties are ordered to be quashed qua the petitioner.

30.05.2024
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(NIDHI GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No