



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-61056-2024

Date of decision: 09.01.2025

ARVIND RANA

....PETITIONER

V/s

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Nitin Narula, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Yuvraj Singh Tiwana, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Sandeep Sharma, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

SUMEET GOEL, J.

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023 for quashing of FIR No.0096 dated 16.06.2024 under Sections 420 of IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014 registered at Police Station Civil Lines, District Police Commissionerate Amritsar and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 18.11.2024 (Annexure P-2), which is stated to have been effected between the parties.

2 On 05.12.2024, the following order was passed:

“The petitioner(s) arraigned as accused in the FIR captioned below, have come up before this Court under Section 482 Cr.P.C. to quash the FIR and all consequential proceedings based on the compromise amicably arrived at with the victim(s).

Notice served upon the official respondent(s) through State counsel. In case the State wants to file its response, they must do so positively before the next date.



Counsel for the petitioners undertakes to inform private respondent(s) and will ensure presence of all victim(s)/ private respondent(s) before trial Court for their statements.
Given above, the petitioner(s) and the private respondent(s), and all other victim(s), if not arraigned as respondents, to appear before the concerned Trial Court/Illaq Magistrate/Duty Magistrate on 19.12.2024, for getting their statements recorded with regard to the compromise arrived at between them. Before recording their statements, the Ld. Judge should ensure the following aspects and send the report, in the following format, preferably before the next date fixed in this court:

Name of the reporting Court	
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FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
0096	16.06.2024	Civil Lines, District Police Commissionerate Amritsar	420 IPC and 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act

Criminal Case no before trial Court	
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1.	Names of the complainant/ victims(s)/aggrieved persons(s)	
2.	Dates on which the statement(s) of the complainant/ victims(s)/ aggrieved persons(s) were recorded	
3.	Has the identity of the complainant/ victims(s)/ aggrieved persons(s) been verified?	Yes/No
4.	Whether all the victims/ all the aggrieved persons have compromised the matter?	Yes/No
5.	Is there pressure, threat, or coercion upon the victim(s)/aggrieved person(s)/complainant?	Yes/No
6.	Names of the accused person(s)	
7.	Dates on which the statement(s) of the accused persons(s) recorded	
8.	Whether all the accused have compromised the matter? If no, then the names of the accused who have compromised.	Yes/No



9.	Whether proclamation proceedings are pending against any accused?	Yes/No
10.	Has the police report been filed or not?	Yes/No
11.	Notice of accusation /Charges have been framed or not?	Yes/No
12.	Sections of statutes invoked in the matter	
13.	Whether the court is satisfied with the genuineness of the compromise	Yes/No

There would be no need for a certified copy of this order, and any Advocate for the Petitioners/State can download this order and other particulars as may be required, from the official web page of this Court, and attest it to be a true copy. The concerned court can also verify its authenticity and may download and use the downloaded copy for immediate use, if required.
List on 09.01.2025.”

3. Pursuant to the aforesaid order, report dated 04.01.2025 from Judicial Magistrate, Ist Class, Amritsar, has been received, which is taken on record. As per the report, the Trial Court has recorded as follows:-

- “1. There is only one complainant/victim namely Ishwar Dass alias Ishwer Dass in the present FIR.*
- 2. recorded. On 16.12.2024, the statement of the complainant/victim is*
- 3. Statement of complainant/victim is identified by his counsel Sh. Gursher Singh Gill, Advocate.*
- 4. As per the statement of complainant, the compromise has been effected.*
- 5. As per the statements of complainant and accused, the compromise is effected without any pressure, threat, or coercion.*
- 6. The name of the accused is Arvind Rana.*
- 7. On 16.12.2024 the statement of the accused is recorded.*
- 8. As per the statement of accused Arvind Rana, the compromise has been effected.*
- 9. As per the statement of investigating officer, the accused is not declared proclaimed offender.*
- 10. The police report has not been presented yet.*
- 11. Notice of accusation/charge have not been framed yet.*
- 12. As per the statements of both the parties, investigating officer and contents of application, the present FIR no. 96 dated 16.06.2024 was registered u/s 420 IPC and 13 of Punjab Travel Professional Act, 2014.*



13. After perusing the statements of the parties, this Court is satisfied that the compromise between the parties is genuine, out of free will, without any threat or coercion of the parties and without any inducement or pressure.”

4. Learned counsel for respondent No.2 admits the factum of parties having compromised and states that he has no objection in case the FIR and all proceedings subsequent thereto against the petitioner are quashed.

5. Similarly, learned State counsel has stated no objection in case the FIR is quashed based upon the compromise (Annexure P-2).

6. I have heard learned Counsel for the parties and have carefully gone through the records of the case.

7. This Court and the Hon'ble Apex Court has repeatedly dealt with the issue of exercise of jurisdiction under Section 482 of the Code to quash proceeding in non-compoundable offences in the cases of ***Gian Singh vs. State of Punjab and another, 2012(10) SCC 303, Kulwinder Singh & others vs. State of Punjab & another, 2007 (3) RCR (Criminal) 1052 and Ram Gopal and another vs. State of Madhya Pradesh, 2021(4) R.C.R. (Criminal) 322 (Criminal Appeal No.1489 of 2012 decided on 29th of September, 2021)***. The proposition of law that emerges from the aforesaid decisions rendered by the Hon'ble Apex Court and this Court is :

- (a) *Power u/s 482 Cr.P.C. vested with this Court is much wider and is unaffected by Section 320 of the Code.*
- (b) *However, wider the power greater the caution.*
- (c) *The underlining principle while exercising such power is that it can be invoked to quash the proceedings recognizing compromise between the parties in the matters which are overwhelmingly and predominantly of civil character like commercial transactions or arising out of matrimonial relationship or family disputes.*
- (d) *The said power is not to be exercised in the prosecutions involving heinous and serious offences of mental depravity or offences like*



murder, rape, dacoity etc. as such offences are not private in nature and have a serious impact on society.

- (e) Section 482 Cr.P.C. casts duty upon the High Court to advance interest of justice as well. It is in recognition of this duty casted upon the High Court, that Apex Court held that the High Court would not refuse to quash FIR under Section 307 merely because FIR finds mention thereof. High Court can assess nature of injuries sustained, whether such injuries inflicted on vital/delicate parts of the body/nature of weapons used etc.*
- (f) Such exercise at the hands of High Court would be permissible only after the evidence is collected after investigation and chargesheet is filed/charges framed during the trial. Such exercise cannot be carried out while the matter is still under investigation.*
- (g) While quashing FIR in non-compoundable offences even which are of private in nature, High Court is required to consider antecedents of the accused, conduct of the accused and whether he was absconding or whether he has managed the complainant to enter into a compromise.*

The statutory provision of Section 528 of BNSS, 2023 is same as the statutory provision of Section 482 of Cr.P.C., 1973. Therefore, the above said principles of law would apply to a petition under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023 as well.

8. Thus, keeping in view the aforesaid facts and circumstances, this Court is of the considered opinion that it is a fit case to exercise jurisdiction vested u/s 528 of BNSS, 2023 to quash the FIR as :-

- (i) Putting a quietus to the proceedings will bring peace and tranquility amongst parties & will accordingly further the cause of substantial justice.*
- (ii) The offences alleged are primarily of private nature.*
- (iii) The parties have compromised.*
- (iv) As per the report received the compromise is said to be voluntary in its nature.*
- (v) Complainant/victim is reported to have entered into compromise on his own volition*



9. Consequently, the petition is allowed. FIR No.0096 dated 16.06.2024 under Sections 420 of IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014 registered at Police Station Civil Lines, District Police Commissionerate Amritsar and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 18.11.2024 (Annexure P-2), are, hereby, quashed qua the petitioner.

10. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

January 09, 2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No