IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.30500 of 2019

Date of decision: 24th January, 2023

Mandeep Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. B.D. Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab

for the respondent No.1/State.

Mr. Vishva Bahl, Advocate for respondent No.2.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

Instant petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing FIR No.375 dated 24.10.2015 under Sections 65/66-C/66-D of the Information Technology Act, 2000 registered at Police Station A Division, Amritsar City along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 04.05.2019 (Annexure P-2) effected between the parties.

Vide order dated 29.09.2022 of this Court, the parties were directed to appear before the learned trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate on 13.10.2022 to get their statements recorded regarding the compromise arrived at, between them.

Report has since been received from learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Amritsar, in pursuance to the direction of this Court, wherein, the factum of the compromise arrived at between the

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parties stands verified and confirmed. As per the report, compromise has indeed been effected between the parties and the same is without any pressure or coercion and out of their free will and the complainant has also made statement to the effect that she would have no objection if the FIR qua the accused-petitioner is quashed.

The trial Court has annexed the statements of the parties in original, alongwith its report.

Learned State counsel too submits that there are no other accused other than the petitioner and respondent No.2 is the only aggrieved person in the FIR in question.

In view of the report of the learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Amritsar and the principles laid down by the Apex Court in 'Gian Singh Vs. State of Punjab and others' (2012) 10 SCC 303, and also by the Full Bench of this Court in 'Kulwinder Singh and others v. State of Punjab and another' 2007 (3) RCR (Criminal) 1052, the instant petition is allowed. The aforesaid FIR and all consequential proceedings arising out of it, are quashed.

Needless to say, the parties shall remain bound by the terms of compromise and their statements recorded before the Court below.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL) JUDGE

January 24, 2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No Whether reportable Yes/No