

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

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Crl. Misc. No. M 12941 of 2014

Date of decision: 23.02.2015

*Joginder and another*

*..... Petitioners*

*Versus*

*State of Punjab and another*

*..... Respondents*

**Coram: Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Rekha Mittal**

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Present: Mr. Navneet Singh, Advocate for  
Mr. Surender Deswal, Advocate  
for the petitioners

Mr. Arshdeep S Klar, DAG, Punjab  
for respondent No. 1

None for respondent No. 2

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1. Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the Reporter or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

**Rekha Mittal, J.**

Through the present petition filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (in short, 'Cr.P.C.'), the petitioners have prayed for quashing of FIR No. 38 dated 13.07.2013 for offence punishable under Sections 498-A and 406 of the Indian Penal Code (in short, 'IPC') registered in Police Station Mahila Police Bathinda, District Bathinda and proceedings emanating therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 18.02.2014 (Annexure P-2) arrived at between the parties.

Counsel for the petitioners states that in pursuance of the compromise effected between the parties, respondent No. 2/complainant has started residing in the matrimonial home.

Vide order dated 10.11.2014, the parties were directed to appear before the trial Court to get their statements recorded with regard to genuineness of compromise.

Pursuant thereto, a report has been submitted by the Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Bathinda wherein it has been reported that statements of the parties have been recorded and that they have voluntarily compromised the matter.

Counsel for the State does not dispute genuineness of the compromise in view of the report of trial Court.

A perusal of allegations in the FIR reveals that the present case squarely falls in that category of cases which can be quashed by the High Court, in exercise of its inherent power under Section 482 Cr.P.C. Keeping in view the authoritative enunciation of law laid down by Hon'ble the Supreme Court in '*Gian Singh v. State of Punjab and another*', 2012(4) *R.C.R. (Criminal)* 543 and in the light of facts and circumstances of the present case, this Court is of the considered opinion that continuation of criminal proceedings would amount to abuse of process of law and it is expedient in the interest of justice that criminal proceedings are put to an end.

In this view of the matter, the petition is allowed and FIR No. 38 dated 13.07.2013 for offence punishable under Sections 498-A and 406 IPC registered in Police Station Mahila Police Bathinda, District Bathinda and proceedings emanating therefrom stand quashed qua the petitioners.

(Rekha Mittal)  
Judge

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