

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

**Criminal Misc. No. M-16074 of 2015  
Date of Decision:-22.9.2015**

Ranjit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

***CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA***

- 1. Whether reporters of local newspapers may be allowed to see judgment?*
- 2. To be referred to reporters or not?*
- 3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

Present:- Mr. Jitender Singh Dadwal, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. P.S. Madahar, AAG Punjab.

***HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)***

Prayer in the present petition is for quashing of FIR No.22 dated 29.4.2010, under Sections 406 and 498-A IPC, registered at Police Station Daba, District Ludhiana (Annexure P-1) and judgment and order of conviction dated 19.2.2014 passed by learned Judicial Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Ludhiana (Annexure P-2) along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 10.3.2015 (Annexure P-3).

Vide order dated 15.5.2015, this Court has directed the parties to appear before the Appellate Court to get their statements

recorded and the learned Appellate Court was directed to forward a report about the genuineness of the compromise to this Court.

In compliance of the order dated 15.5.2015, the parties have appeared before the learned Magistrate on 1.6.2015 for getting their statements recorded.

The statement of the complainant Gurmit Kaur alias Tari, made before learned Appellate Court read as under :-

“I read over the statement of Ranjit Singh and I have compromised the matter with him on 10.3.2015. The original compromise is attached with the file pending in the Hon'ble High court, the photostat copy of compromise deed is Mark-A. I identify my thumb impression on the compromise deed. The compromise is genuine, voluntary and without any threat, coercion or pressure. As per compromise, we have filed a petition under Section 13-B of Hindu Marriage Act for dissolution of our marriage with mutual consent, which is pending in the Court of District Judge, Ludhiana and is fixed for 11.9.2015 for second motion. I have no objection if the Criminal appeal filed by Ranjit Singh against the judgment and conviction order dated 19.2.2014 is accepted by quashing the FIR bearing FIR No.22 dated 29.4.2010 under Sections 406, 498-A IPC registered at Police Station, Daba, Ludhiana.”

The report dated 2.6.2015 received from the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana, reveals that the compromise effected between the parties is genuine, voluntary and without threat, coercion or pressure.

Learned State counsel does not dispute the aforesaid factual

position, rather admit the factum of compromise effected between the parties.

Heard.

Since the parties have entered into a compromise and learned Magistrate has recorded their statements followed by his report, continuation of the trial arising out from the impugned FIR and consequential proceedings would be sheer abuse of the process of law.

Keeping in view the factum of compromise effected between the parties and the law laid down by this Court in the case of Kulwinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and another 2007(3) RCR (Crl.) 1052 (P & H), this petition is accepted and FIR No.22 dated 29.4.2010, under Sections 406 and 498-A IPC, registered at Police Station Daba, District Ludhiana (Annexure P-1) and judgment and order of conviction dated 19.2.2014 passed by learned Judicial Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Ludhiana (Annexure P-2) alongwith all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom are hereby quashed qua petitioner.

The petition is disposed of.

September 22, 2015  
*Vijay Asija*

**( HARI PAL VERMA )**  
**JUDGE**