

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

**CRM No. M-11156 of 2016  
Date of decision: 21.12.2016**

**Kanta Devi @ Kanta Rani and another**

**...Petitioners**

**Versus**

**State of Punjab and another**

**...Respondents**

**CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI**

Present: Mr. J.B.S. Gill, Advocate,  
for the petitioners.

Ms. Manpreet Dhaliwal, AAG, Punjab.

**Ritu Bahri, J.**

Quashing of FIR No.95 dated 29.06.2015, under Sections 498-A/406 IPC, registered at Police Station, Sadar, Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur (Annexure P-1) is sought on the basis of compromise/affidavit dated 29.02.2016 (Annexure P-2).

The F.I.R was registered on the basis of complaint made by Geeta Rani-respondent No.2 to the effect that her marriage was solemnized with Deepak Kumar-petitioner No.2 on 29.06.2014 as per Sikh rites and rituals at Batra Palace, Hoshiarpur. Soon after the marriage, her in-laws (petitioners) started harassing and humiliating her on the pretext of bringing insufficient dowry. She was also given beatings by them. Ultimately, she was thrown out of the matrimonial house. In this background, the FIR was registered.

During the pendency of the investigation, with the intervention

of respectable persons, the matter has now been amicably resolved between the parties. In this regard, complainant has given her affidavit dated 29.02.2016 (Annexure P-2), wherein it has been stated that she has received Rs.2,20,000/- from the petitioners on account of past, present and future maintenance.

In compliance with the order dated 18.07.2016 passed by this Court, parties have got recorded their statements before the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate. Report from the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Hoshiarpur, has been received in this regard. As per report, Geeta Rani-respondent No.2 (complainant) made her statement on 02.11.2016 to the effect that with the intervention of respectable persons, she has compromised the matter with accused-petitioners out of her own free will and without any coercion or pressure. She has already received Rs.2,20,000/- as past, present and future maintenance from the accused-petitioners. Now she has no objection if, the aforesaid FIR is quashed. Separate statements of Kanta Devi @ Kanta Rani and Neha Rani, attorney of Deepak Kumar-petitioner No.2, were also recorded to the same effect. In view of separate statements given by the parties, the court is satisfied that the compromise is valid and genuine one.

Consequently, in view of the status report and the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Madan Mohan Abbot vs. State of Punjab 2008(2) RCR (Criminal) 429, the law laid down by the Full Bench of this Court in the case of Kulwinder Singh and Ors. vs. State of Punjab and another 2007(3) RCR (CrL) 1052, this Court is of the view that no useful purpose would be served in prolonging the litigation.

Accordingly, FIR No.95 dated 29.06.2015, under Sections

498-A/406 IPC, registered at Police Station, Sadar, Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur, is quashed with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom qua the petitioners.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

21.12.2016  
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(RITU BAHRI)  
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No