

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

**CRM No. M-14243 of 2016
Date of decision: 16.11.2016**

Gurmeet Singh @ Rinku Bagga

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI

Present: Mr. Amarjit Singh Ahluwalia, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. A.P.S. Gill, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Yogesh Goyal, Advocate,
for respondent No.2.

Ritu Bahri, J.

Quashing of FIR No.30 dated 16.03.2014, under Sections 406/498-A IPC, registered at Police Station, Women, Ludhiana (Annexure P-1) is sought on the basis of compromise dated 17.03.2016 (Annexure P-2) effected between the parties.

The F.I.R was registered on the basis of complaint made by Sunmeet Kaur-respondent No.2 to the effect that her marriage was solemnized with Gurmeet Singh @ Rinku Bagga-petitioner on 10.10.2010 as per Sikh rites and rituals at Jabalpur. Out of this wedlock, one female child namely, Anshi (now known as Jassmeera Saluja) was born on 23.05.2011. Soon after the marriage, her in-laws (petitioners) started harassing and humiliating her on the pretext of bringing inadequate dowry.

She was also given beatings by them. Ultimately, she was turned out of her

matrimonial house. In this background, the FIR was registered.

During the pendency of trial, with the intervention of respectable persons, the matter has been compromised between the parties vide compromise deed dated 17.03.2016 (Annexure P-2). In this regard, complainant-respondent No.2 has also made her affidavit dated 18.03.2016 (Annexure P-3).

In compliance with the order dated 09.09.2016 passed by this Court, the parties got recorded their statements before the trial Court. Report from the Judicial Magistrate, Ist Class, Ludhiana, has been received in this regard. As per report, Sunmeet Kaur-respondent No.2 (complainant) made her statement on 21.09.2016 to the effect that with the intervention of respectable persons, she has compromised the matter with accused-petitioner at her own free will and without any coercion and pressure. They have filed a joint petition under Section 13-B of the Hindu Marriage Act for dissolution of marriage, which is pending before the Court of Additional District Judge, Ludhiana. All the terms and conditions have already been settled by way of compromise deed dated 17.03.2016. She has no objection if, the above said FIR is quashed. Separate statement of Gurmeet Singh @ Rinku Bagga has also been recorded in this regard. In view of the joint statement 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.30 dated 16.03.2014, under Sections 406/498-A IPC, registered at Police Station, Women, Ludhiana, is quashed with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom qua the petitioner.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

16.11.2016
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(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

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