

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

**CRM No. M-14354 of 2016
Date of decision: 27.08.2016**

Manjit Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI

Present: Mr. Rajesh K. Dadwal, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Ms. Anmol Grewal, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Harsh Manocha, Advocate,
for respondent Nos.2 & 3.

Ritu Bahri, J.

Quashing of FIR No. 136 dated 21.09.2013, under Section 498-A IPC (offence under Section 406 IPC added later on), registered at Police Station, Model Town, Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur (Annexure P-1) is sought on the basis of compromise dated 17.02.2016 (Annexure P-2).

The F.I.R was registered on the basis of complaint made by Manmohan Singh-respondent No.2 to the effect that marriage of his daughter-Manjinder Kaur (respondent No.3) was solemnized on 12.12.2011 with Manjit Singh-petitioner No.1. 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 her in-laws. In this background, the FIR was registered.

During the pendency of the trial, with the intervention of respectable persons, the matter has now been amicably resolved between the parties vide compromise deed dated 17.02.2016 (Annexure P-2).

In compliance with the order dated 05.05.2016 passed by this Court, the parties got recorded their statements before the trial Court. Report from the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Hoshiarpur, has been received in this regard. As per report, Manmohan Singh-respondent No.2 (complainant) made his statement on 17.05.2016 to the effect that with the intervention of respectable persons, he has compromised the matter with Sohan Singh, Manjit Singh, Kulwant Kaur and Gurmit Kaur-petitioners at his own will and without any coercion or pressure. Now, he has no grudge against the accused-petitioners. As per compromise, his daughter-Manjinder Kaur had received a sum of Rs.10,50,000/- as full and final settlement. He has no objection if, the above said FIR is quashed. Statement of Manjinder Kaur, daughter of complainant-Manmohan Singh, was also recorded on the same date, wherein, she has admitted the factum of compromise and receipt of Rs.10,50,000/- from the accused-petitioner. Separate statement of Sohan Singh, father and attorney of Manjit Singh-petitioner No.1, was 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. 136 dated 21.09.2013, under Section 498-A IPC (offence under Section 406 IPC added later on), registered at Police Station, Model Town, Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur, is quashed with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom qua the petitioners.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

27.08.2016
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(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No