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

CRM-M-26905-2016
Date of decision : 21.10.2016

Gurveen Singh Sohal

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI

Present: Mr. Gursharan K. Mann, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. APS Gill, AAG, Punjab.

RITU BAHRI, J.(Oral)

Quashing of FIR No.156 dated 21.05.2014, under Sections 498-A/406 IPC, registered at Police Station, Civil Lines, District Amritsar City (Annexure P-1) is sought on the basis of compromise dated 25.05.2016 (Annexure P-5).

The FIR was registered on the basis of statement made by respondent No.2-Rajinder Singh Sidhu against the accused/petitioner-Gurveen Singh Sohal to the effect that he solemnized marriage with his daughter-Manpreet Kaur on 25.11.2012 as per Sikh rites and rituals at gurudwara Govt. Medical College, Amritsar, who is now living in USA. As per report dated 20.03.2013, (Annexure P-2) of ASI-Ashok Kumar, when he had gone to serve the petitioner he found that the petitioner had gone to

abroad and his house was locked. After this report was made and after initiating proceedings under Section 82 Cr.P.C., the petitioner was declared as proclaimed offender vide order dated 20.05.2015 (Annexure P-4).

The petitioner is seeking quashing of the abovesaid FIR and order dated 20.05.2015, on the basis of compromise between the parties.

During the pendency of the trial, with the intervention of respectable persons of the locality, the matter has now been resolved between the parties vide compromise deed dated 25.05.2016 (Annexure P-5).

In compliance with the order dated 08.08.2016 passed by this Court, the parties have got recorded their statements before the trial Court and the statement of Sewa Singh Sohal father of the petitioner has also been recorded. On behalf of petitioner, the general power of attorney of Sewa Singh Sohal (father of petitioner) has been taken on record. Report dated 23.08.2016 from the Judicial Magistrate First Class, Amritsar has been received, in this regard. As per report, respondent No.2-Rajinder Singh Sidhu made his statement to the effect that with the intervention of the respectable persons, he has compromised the matter with the accused-petitioner without any pressure. He has no objection if, the above said FIR is quashed. Statement of Sewa Singh Sohal (petitioner's father and power of attorney holder for petitioner-Gurveen Singh Sohal) is also recorded to the same effect. In view of the separate statements of 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 others 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 the prolonging the litigation.

Accordingly, FIR No.156 dated 21.05.2014, under Sections 498-A/406 IPC, registered at Police Station, Civil Lines, District Amritsar City and keeping in view, the petitioner and his wife-Manpreet Kaur, daughter of respondent No.2-Rajinder Singh Sidjhu, is presently living in the USA, order dated 20.05.2015 (Annexure P-4) is quashed with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom qua petitioner.

The petition stands disposed of, accordingly.

(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

October 21, 2016

Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes

Whether Reportable

No