

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

**CRM No. M-34113 of 2015 (O&M)
Date of decision: 09.08.2016**

Sh. Rajinder Pal Sood and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI

Present: Mr. Ish Puneet Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

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

Ms. Harmeet Kaur, Advocate,
for respondent Nos.2 and 3.

Ritu Bahri, J.

Quashing of FIR No.162 dated 05.12.2014, under Sections 406/498-A IPC, registered at Police Station Division No.7, Jalandhar (Annexure P-1), is sought on the basis of compromise dated 25.02.2015 (Annexure P-2).

The F.I.R was registered on the basis of complaint made by Jatinder Walia-respondent No.2 to the effect that marriage of his daughter namely Pronoti was solemnized with Deepak Sood (respondent No.3) on 05.02.2014 at Sri Ganganagar as per Hindu rites and rituals. Soon after the marriage, she was harassed and humiliated by her in-laws (petitioners) on account of bringing insufficient dowry. 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 25.02.2015 (Annexure P-2).

In compliance with the order dated 21.01.2016 passed by this Court, the parties got recorded their statements before the trial Court. Report from the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jalandhar, has been received in this regard. As per report, Jatinder Walia-respondent No.2 (complainant) made his statement on 02.02.2016 to the effect that with the intervention of respectable persons, he has compromised the matter with the accused (petitioners) vide compromise deed dated 25.02.2015, Mark A, with his own free will and without any pressure or coercion. One FIR No.640 dated 17.11.2014, under Sections 406, 420, 384, 120-B IPC was registered at Police Station, Jawahar Nagar, Shri Ganga Nagar against him, his wife Anupam Walia and daughter Pronoti Walia at the instance of Rajinder Pal-petitioner No.1. In that case, cancellation report has been presented by the Police. But, Rajinder Pal Sood-petitioner No.1 (complainant in that case) filed a protest petition against the said report. Now, complainant-Jatinder Walia has no objection if, the above said FIR (Annexure P-1) is quashed. Joint statement of Rajinder Pal Sood and Neera Sood-petitioners was also recorded to the same effect. In his statement, Rajinder Pal Sood has stated that he would withdraw the protest petition, which was filed against the cancellation report in FIR No.640 dated 17.11.2014.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has placed on record statement made by complainant-Jatinder Walia on behalf of his daughter-Pronoti in Petition No.1211 of 2014 before the Family Court, Shri Ganga Nagar, wherein it has been stated that his daughter is working in Canada. A perusal

of Annexure P-3 further shows that the marriage of Deepak Sood and Smt. Pronoti has already been declared as void by the Family Court, Sri Ganga Nagar.

In view of 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 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.162 dated 05.12.2014, under Sections 406/498-A IPC, registered at Police Station Division No.7, Jalandhar, is quashed with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom qua the petitioners.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

09.08.2016
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(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

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