

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

**CRM No. M-5796 of 2016
Date of decision: 08.11.2016**

Suraj and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI

Present: Mr. Vivek Salathia, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

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

Ritu Bahri, J.

Quashing of FIR No. 70 dated 07.07.2014, under Sections 406/498-A IPC, registered at Police Station, Sadar Batala, Police District Batala, District Gurdaspur (Annexure P-1), is sought on the basis of compromise dated 17.06.2015 (Annexure P-2) effected between the parties.

The F.I.R was registered on the basis of complaint made by Puna @ Poonam-respondent No.2 to the effect that her marriage was solemnized with Suraj-petitioner No.1 about two years back from registration of the FIR. Soon after the marriage, her in-laws started harassing and humiliating the complainant on the pretext of bringing insufficient dowry. She was also given beatings by them. Ultimately, she was thrown out of the matrimonial home. In this background, the FIR was registered.

During the pendency of trial, with the intervention of respectable persons, the matter has been amicably resolved between the parties vide compromise deed dated 17.06.2015 (Annexure P-2).

In compliance with the order dated 22.08.2016 passed by this Court, parties have got recorded their statements before the trial Court. In this regard, a status report has been received from the Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Batala. As per report, Puna @ Poonam-complainant (respondent No.2) made her statement on 20.09.2016 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 pressure or coercion. She has no objection, if the aforesaid FIR is quashed. Separate statements of Suraj and Manjit Kaur-petitioners were also recorded to the same effect. In view of separate statements given by the parties, this 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 (CrI.) 1052**, this Court is of the view that no useful purpose would be served in prolonging the litigation.

Accordingly, FIR No. 70 dated 07.07.2014, under Sections 406/498-A IPC, registered at Police Station, Sadar Batala, Police District Batala, District Gurdaspur, is quashed with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom qua the petitioners.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

08.11.2016
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(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

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