

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

**CRM No. M-640 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of decision: 09.08.2016**

Rakesh Kumar Verma

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI

Present: Mr. Manoj Kumar, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

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

Ritu Bahri, J.

Quashing of FIR No. 09 dated 08.08.2013, under Sections 406/498A IPC, registered at Police Station, Women Cell, District SAS Nagar, Mohali (Annexure P-1) is sought on the basis of compromise dated 25.12.2015 (Annexure P-2).

The F.I.R was registered on the basis of complaint made by Ashok Kumar-respondent No.1 to the effect that marriage of his sister Asha Rani-respondent No.2 was solemnized with Rakesh Kumar Verma-petitioner about 15 years ago. Soon after the marriage, she (respondent No.2) was harassed and humiliated by the petitioner on account of bringing insufficient dowry. She was also given beatings by the petitioner. In this background, the FIR was registered.

During the pendency of investigation, with the intervention of respectable persons, the matter has now been amicably resolved between the parties vide compromise deed dated 25.12.2015 (Annexure P-2).

In compliance with the order dated 25.05.2016 passed by this

Court, the parties got recorded their statements before the Illaqa Magistrate. Report from the Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Kharar has been received in this regard. As per report, Ashok Kumar and Asha Rani (respondent Nos.1 &2) made their joint statement on 04.07.2016 to the effect that they have compromised the matter with Rakesh Kumar Verma-petitioner out of their free will and without any coercion, inducement threat or pressure. They have no objection if, the above said FIR is quashed. Statement of Rakesh Kumar Verma-petitioner was also recorded to the same effect. 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. 09 dated 08.08.2013, under Sections 406/498A IPC, registered at Police Station, Women Cell, District SAS Nagar, Mohali, is quashed with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom qua the petitioner.

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