

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

CRM-M-29011-2017

Date of decision: 31.10.2017

Smruti Swarup and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr.Ruhani Chadha, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. B.D. Sharma, Advocate,
for respondent No.2.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J.(ORAL)

This petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking quashing of FIR No. 159 dated 23.12.2016, under Sections 406 and 498-A of the IPC, registered at Police Station Women Cell, Jalandhar, District Jalandhar (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom in view of the compromise entered into between the parties.

In brief, the facts of the case are that a marriage took place between Smruti Swarup-petitioner No.1 and Nayala Arora-respondent No.2 on 28.0.20216. A matrimonial discord arose between the parties, which led to the registration of the aforementioned FIR against her husband and in-laws. Now with the intervention of respectable persons, the matter has been amicably compromised between the parties and a settlement/agreement (Annexure P-2) has been prepared whereby they have decided to part their

ways, apart from other terms and conditions detailed therein.

Keeping in view the fact that the parties have entered into a compromise, they were directed to appear before the trial Court for getting their statements recorded in support of the compromise. In pursuance of the direction, a report in has been received from the the Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Jalandhar stating that the compromise arrived at between the parties is without any pressure or coercion from any one and the same appears to be genuine one.

Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, DAG, Punjab, on instructions from the Investigating Officer and learned counsel for the respondent No. 2 admit the factum of compromise and submit that in case the parties have indeed settled their dispute, they would have no objection to the quashing of the FIR, in view of the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

I have heard learned counsel for the rival parties and have gone through the record.

In a decision, based on compromise, none of the parties is a loser. Rather, a compromise not only brings peace and harmony between the parties to a dispute, but also restores tranquility in the society. After considering the nature of offences allegedly committed and the fact that both the parties have amicably settled their dispute, continuance of criminal prosecution would be an exercise in futility, as the chances of ultimate conviction are bleak.

Consequently, keeping in view the fact that the dispute has been amicably settled and in view of the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Gian Singh Versus State of Punjab and another, 2012*

(4) *RCR (Cr.) 543*, this petition is allowed and FIR No. 159 dated 23.12.2016, under Sections 406 and 498-A of the IPC, registered at Police Station Women Cell, Jalandhar, District Jalandhar (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising out of the same are quashed qua the petitioners.

The petition stands disposed of.

27.10.2017

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes

Whether reportable

No