

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

**CRM No. M-34790 of 2016
Date of decision: 31.03.2017**

Sandeep Verma

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI

Present: None for the parties.

Ritu Bahri, J.

Quashing of FIR No.134 dated 11.04.2015, under Sections 376-B/506 IPC, registered at Police Station, Jodhewal, District Ludhiana (Annexure P-1) is sought on the basis of compromise dated 26.08.2016 (Annexure P-2).

Marriage of Minakshi-respondent No.2 (complainant) was solemnized with Sandeep-petitioner about seven years back. Out of this wedlock, one daughter namely Suhani was born. As per allegations, her husband used to beat her right from the beginning, therefore, she resided separately in a room. Proceedings under Sections 107/151 Cr.P.C. were also arisen between the couple. FIR (Annexure P-1) was got registered by Minakshi-respondent No.2 on account of some misunderstandings.

During the pendency of trial, with the intervention of respectable persons, the matter has now been amicably resolved between the parties vide compromise deed dated 26.08.2016 (Annexure P-2). As per

compromise, petitioner and respondent No.2 have decided to part their ways and for that purpose, they have filed a petition under Section 13-B of the Hindu Marriage Act for dissolution of marriage with mutual consent.

In compliance with the order dated 29.09.2016 passed by this Court, parties have got recorded their statements before the trial Court. Report from the Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana has been received in this regard. As per report, Meenakshi-respondent No.2 (complainant) made her statement on 25.10.2016 to the effect that with the intervention of respectable persons, she has compromised the matter with accused-petitioner out of her own free will and without any coercion or pressure. She has no objection, if the custody of minor child namely Suhani Verma (aged 6 years) is given to accused-petitioner. She has no grievance against the accused. She has no objection if, the aforesaid FIR is quashed. Separate statement of Sandeep Kumar Verma-petitioner was also recorded to the same effect. In view of separate statements given by 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 (CrI.) 1052**, this Court is of the view that no useful purpose would be served in prolonging the litigation.

Accordingly, FIR No.134 dated 11.04.2015, under Sections 376-B/506 IPC, registered at Police Station, Jodhewal, District Ludhiana, is quashed with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom qua the petitioner.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

31.03.2017
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(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

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