

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

Crl. Misc. M- 16714-2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 16.10.2018.

Anurag Jain and another

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Manoj Pundir, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. R.S. Khaira, AAG, Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking quashing of FIR No. 74 dated 17.06.2016 registered under Sections 406, 498-A of Indian Penal Code at Police Station City Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom in view of the compromise (Annexure P/2).

The FIR has been registered on the statement of complainant- Pranchi Jain, on the allegations that the accused-petitioners harassed her on account of dowry and petitioner No. 2 tried to outrage her modesty at her matrimonial house. Now with the intervention of respectable persons, the matter has been amicably compromised between the parties and they have resolved their disputes and differences.

Keeping in view the fact that the parties have entered into a compromise, they were directed to appear before the trial court/Illaq

Magistrate for getting their statements recorded in support of the compromise. In pursuance of the direction, a report has been received from Judicial Magistrate First Class at Hoshiarpur, stating that the compromise arrived at between the parties is without any pressure or coercion from any one and the same is genuine one.

Learned Asst. Advocate General, Punjab, on instructions from the Investigating Officer admit the factum of compromise and submit that in case the parties have indeed settled their dispute, the State 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 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 **Narinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and another, (2014) 6 SCC 466**, this petition is allowed and FIR No. 74 dated 17.06.2016 registered under Sections 406, 498-A of Indian Penal Code at Police Station City Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur and all subsequent

proceedings arising out of the same are quashed qua the petitioners.

The petition stands disposed of.

October 16, 2018
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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
Yes/No