

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

Crl. Misc. M-24847 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: July 20, 2018

Jaswant Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Amit Dhawan, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Senior DAG Punjab.

Mr. J.S. Ghumman, Advocate
for complainant/respondent No.2.

Complainant/respondent No.2 in person.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking quashing of FIR No.137 dated 24.09.2016 registered under Sections 406, 498-A, 494 of Indian Penal Code at Police Station Maqsudan, District Jalandhar Rural (Annexure P/1) and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom in view of the compromise (Annexure P/4).

The FIR has been registered on the statement of complainant-Mandeep Kaur on the allegations that after her marriage, the accused-petitioners started harassing her for the demand of dowry. 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 Chandigarh, 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 counsel files the power of attorney on behalf of complainant-respondent No.2 along with her affidavit, which are taken on record. Learned counsel for the petitioners handed over a demand draft amounting to ₹ 17 lacs to complainant/respondent No.2, who is present in the court along with her counsel, in terms of the compromise arrived at between the parties towards full and final settlement of all disputes. A photocopy of the said demand draft, under the signatures of complainant/respondent No.2, is retained on record.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from the Investigating Officer as well as counsel for complainant-respondent No.2 admit to 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.137 dated 24.09.2016 registered under Sections 406, 498-A, 494 of Indian Penal Code at Police Station Maqsudan, District Jalandhar Rural and all subsequent proceedings arising out of the same are quashed.

The petition stands disposed of.

July 20, 2018

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**(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
Yes/No