

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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Criminal Misc. No.M-36705 of 2017

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Date of decision:21.3.2018

Inderpreet Singh and another

.....Petitioners

v.

Union Territory, Chandigarh and another

.....Respondents

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Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Inderjit Singh

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Present: Mr. Kanhiya Soni, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Yashwant Singh Rathore, Addl. P.P. for U.T., Chandigarh.

Ms. Swati Vema, Advocate for complainant-respondent No.2.

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Inderjit Singh, J.

This petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. praying for quashing of FIR No.17 dated 14.11.2015 (Annexure-P.1) registered for the offences under Sections 406 and 498-A IPC at Women Cell Police Station, Chandigarh and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom in view of the compromise (Annexure-P.3).

The marriage of the complainant was solemnized with petitioner No.1 Inderpreet Singh on 13.11.2014 at Santemajra Colony, Near Baba Balak Nath Mandir, Kharar, Distt. S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali). However, due to temperamental differences between the husband and wife, matrimonial dispute arose and the above said FIR has been registered on the

statement of complainant-Gurpreet against her husband and her in-laws. Now with the intervention of respectable persons, the matrimonial dispute has been amicably settled between the parties and they have entered into a compromise.

Keeping in view the fact that the parties have entered into a compromise, they were directed to appear before learned trial Court for getting their statements recorded in support of the compromise. After doing the needful, learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Chandigarh, has sent his report dated 9.1.2018 submitting that the compromise arrived at between the parties is without any pressure or coercion from any one and the same is genuine one.

Learned Addl. P.P., Chandigarh, on instructions from the Investigating Officer and learned counsel for the complainant-respondent No.2 admit the factum of compromise and submit that in case the parties have indeed settled their matrimonial dispute, the U.T. 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 petitioners as well as learned Addl. P.P., Chandigarh and learned counsel for complainant-respondent No.2 and have gone through the record.

In a decision, based on compromise, none of the parties is a loser. Rather, 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

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both the parties have amicably settled their matrimonial dispute, continuance of criminal prosecution would be an exercise in futility, as the chances of ultimate conviction are bleak.

Therefore, keeping in view the fact that the matrimonial dispute has been amicably settled and in view of the law laid by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Gian Singh v. State of Punjab and another, 2012 (4) RCR (Cr.) 543, this petition is allowed and FIR No.17 dated 14.11.2015 (Annexure-P.1) registered for the offences under Sections 406 and 498-A IPC at Women Cell Police Station, Chandigarh and all subsequent proceedings arising out of the same are hereby quashed qua the petitioners.

March 21, 2018.

(Inderjit Singh)
Judge

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