

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

CRM-M-49973 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of Decision:30.04.2018

Ramesh Kumar and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and another

..... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr.Deepak Girhotra, Advocate
the applicant-petitioner.

Mr. Ramesh K. Ambavta, AAG., Haryana.

Mr. Aman Bansal, Advocate
for respondent no.2.

LISA GILL, J(Oral).

Prayer in this petition is for quashing of FIR No. 548 dated 15.09.2013, under Sections 406, 498-A, 506 IPC, registered at Police Station Civil Lines, Rohtak, along with all other consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of a compromise deed dated 16.12.2017 (Annexure P-2) arrived at between the parties.

It is submitted that the above-said FIR was registered at the instance of respondent No.2 due to matrimonial discord with her husband-petitioner no.1. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner no.1 and his wife-respondent no.2 have resumed cohabitation and are living together since December 2017. The petitioners, it is submitted undertake to abide by the terms and conditions of the settlement and afford all due affection and

amenities to the complainant-wife and the minor child. It is thus prayed that this petition be allowed.

This Court on 08.01.2018 directed the parties to appear before the learned trial court for recording of their statements in respect to the above-mentioned compromise. Learned trial court was directed to submit a report regarding the genuineness of the compromise, as to whether it has been arrived at out of the free will and volition of the parties without any coercion, fear or undue influence. Learned trial court was also directed to intimate whether the petitioners are absconding/proclaimed offenders and whether any other case is pending against them. Information was sought as to whether all affected persons are a party to the settlement.

Pursuant to order dated 08.01.2018 the parties appeared before the learned Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Rohtak, on 22.02.2018. Respondent No.2-Sonia, stated that she has amicably resolved the dispute with all the petitioners out of her own free will, without any pressure or coercion and she has no objection in case the aforementioned FIR against the petitioners is quashed. It is stated that respondent no.2 is residing with her husband in the matrimonial home. Joint statement of all the petitioners in respect to the settlement were recorded.

As per report dated 16.03.2018, received from the learned Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Rohtak, satisfaction is expressed that the compromise between the parties is genuine, voluntarily arrived at out of the free will of the parties, without any pressure or coercion. Petitioners are not reported to be proclaimed

offenders.

Learned counsel for respondent No.2 affirms and verifies the factum of settlement between the parties. It is reiterated that respondent No.2 has no objection to the quashing of the above-mentioned FIR against all the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the State has not raised any serious objection to the quashing of this FIR on the basis of a settlement arrived at between the parties.

In ***Kulwinder Singh and others versus State of Punjab and another*** 2007 (3) R.C.R. (Criminal) 1052, a five member Bench of this Court has observed as under:-

“The compromise, in a modern society, is the sine qua non of harmony and orderly behaviour. It is the soul of justice and if the power under Section 482 of the Criminal Procedure Code is used to enhance such a compromise which, in turn, enhances the social amity and reduces friction, then it truly is “finest hour of justice”.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***B.S.Joshi and others v. State of Haryana, 2003(4) SCC 675*** has observed that it becomes the duty of the Court to encourage genuine settlements of matrimonial disputes.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case, it would be in the interest of justice to quash the above-said FIR as no useful purpose would be served by continuance of the present proceedings. It will merely lead to wastage of precious time of the court and would be an exercise in futility.

This petition is, thus, allowed and FIR No. 548 dated

15.09.2013, under Sections 406, 498-A, 506 IPC, registered at Police Station Civil Lines, Rohtak, along with all consequential proceedings are, hereby, quashed.

However, liberty is afforded to respondent No.2 to file necessary application for revival of the proceedings in the above said FIR, in case the terms and conditions of settlement between the parties are not adhered to by the petitioner(s) or it is found that the settlement was a mere ruse to have the aforesaid FIR quashed.

30.04.2018

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[LISA GILL]
Judge

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