

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

**CRM-M-23066-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 11.07.2019**

Surinder Kaur
Versus
..... Petitioner

State of Punjab and another
..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI

Present : Mr. Jagan Nath Bhandari, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rana Harjasdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

None for respondent No.2.

RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI, J. (Oral)

By invoking Section 482 Code of Criminal Procedure (in short, "Cr.P.C."), the petitioner has prayed for quashing of FIR No.81 dated 31.08.2018, registered under Section 498-A IPC, at Police Station Women, District Patiala and proceedings emanating therefrom on the basis of compromise by way of settlement agreement (Annexure P-2) arrived at between the parties.

In the present case, the FIR was registered on the statement of petitioner Surinder Kaur. Now, dispute between the parties has been resolved by way of compromise Annexure P-2.

Vide order dated 30.05.2019, the parties were directed to appear before the trial Court to get their statements recorded with regard to genuineness of compromise.

Pursuant thereto, a report has been submitted by the learned

Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Patiala wherein it has been reported that statements of the parties have been recorded and they have voluntarily compromised the matter without any coercion or undue influence.

Counsel for the State has not disputed that the parties i.e. petitioner and respondent No.2 have arrived at a settlement with an intent to give burial to their differences.

Perusal of allegations in the FIR reveals that the present case squarely falls in the category of cases that can be quashed by the High Court, in exercise of its inherent power under Section 482 Cr.P.C. Keeping in view authoritative enunciation of law laid down by Hon'ble the Supreme Court in '**Gian Singh v. State of Punjab and another**', 2012 (4) R.C.R. (Criminal) 543 and in the light of facts and circumstances discussed hereinbefore, this Court is of the considered opinion that continuation of criminal proceedings would amount to abuse of process of law and it is expedient in the interest of justice that the same are put to an end.

For the foregoing reasons, the petition is allowed, FIR No.81 dated 31.08.2018, registered under Section 498-A IPC, at Police Station Women, District Patiala and proceedings emanating therefrom stand quashed qua the petitioner and respondents.

(**RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI**)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable :

Yes/No
Yes/No