

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

CRM-M No.3200 of 2020

Date of Decision:28.02.2020

Rohit Gupta and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Pranav Handa, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Sandeep Bansal, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

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JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (ORAL)

1. This petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking quashing of FIR No.75 dated 09.06.2016 under Sections 406/498-A IPC registered at Police Station Women Cell, Jalandhar (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom in view of the compromise dated 21.12.2019 (Annexure P-2) arrived at between the parties.

2. The FIR has been registered against the petitioners on the statement of complainant-Neeru Bala levelling allegations of harassment on account of 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.

3. 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 1st Class, Jalandhar stating that the compromise arrived at between the parties is without any pressure or coercion from any one and the same is genuine one.

4. Learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab on instructions from the Investigating Officer and learned counsel appearing for respondent No.2 admit the factum of compromise. Learned counsel for respondent-State submits 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.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record.

6. 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.

7. 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.75 dated

09.06.2016 under Sections 406/498-A IPC registered at Police Station Women Cell, Jalandhar (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising out of the same are quashed qua petitioners.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

February 28, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No