

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

**CRM-M-29346-2019
Date of Decision:13.02.2020**

SURINDER RATHORE AND ORSPetitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANR. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr.Jasmeet Singh Ghumman, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Sidakmeet Singh Sandhu, Asstt. A.G. Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J.(ORAL)

This petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking quashing of FIR No.364 dated 31.12.2013 (Annexure P-1) registered under Sections 406, 498-A, 323 and 120-B of Indian Penal Code registered at Police Station Sadar Jullundur, District Jalandhar City and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom in view of the compromise (Annexure P-2).

The FIR has been registered on the statement of complainant- on the allegations that the accused-petitioners tortured her on bringing less dowry, verbally and physically abused her and tried to strangulate her and left her unconscious and locked the door from outside. 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/Illaqa Magistrate for getting their statements recorded in support of the compromise. In pursuance of the direction, a report has been received

from Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jalandhar, stating that the compromise arrived at between the parties is without any pressure or coercion from anyone and the same is genuine one. Learned State counsel, on instructions from the Investigating Officer admits to the factum of compromise and 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.

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.364 dated 31.12.2013 (Annexure P-1) registered under Sections 406, 498-A, 323 and 120-B of Indian Penal Code registered at Police Station Sadar Jullundur, District Jalandhar City and all subsequent proceedings arising out of the same are quashed qua the petitioner herein.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No