

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

**CRM-M-46443 of 2019
Date of Decision: 24.02.2020**

Gurnam Masih

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. B.D.Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Pawan Sharma, Advocate
for respondent No. 2.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking quashing of FIR No. 191 dated 08.12.2018 registered under Sections 498-A, 494 IPC at Police Station Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom in view of the compromise dated 19.11.2018 (Annexure P-2).

The FIR has been registered on the statement of complainant-on the allegations that the accused-petitioner demanded dowry from the complainant, gave her beatings and maltreated her. He also solemnized second marriage without getting divorce from the complainant. 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/Illaq Magistrate for getting their statements recorded in support of the compromise. In pursuance of the direction, a report has been received from Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Dasuya, stating that the compromise arrived at between the parties is without any pressure or coercion from any one and the same is genuine one.

Learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab on instructions from the Investigating Officer admits 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. 191 dated 08.12.2018 registered under Sections 498-A, 494 IPC at Police Station Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur and all subsequent proceedings arising out of the same are quashed qua the petitioner-Gurnam Masih.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

24.02.2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No