

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

**CRM-M No.2789 of 2021(O&M)
Date of Decision:21.09.2021
(Heard through VC)**

Manjit Singh
State of Punjab and another

Vs

...Petitioner
...Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Arshdeep Singh Kler, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Jagmeet Singh Moudgill, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

JAISHREE THAKUR J. (ORAL)

CRM No.29606 of 2021

This is an application that has been filed for preponing hearing in main case, which is now listed for 06.12.2021.

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed and the matter is taken up for hearing today itself.

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1. This petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking quashing of FIR No.15 dated 09.02.2019 registered under Sections 406, 498-A, 420, 506 Indian Penal Code at Police Station Women Cell Patiala, District Patiala (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise/settlement dated 12.03.2020 (Annexure P-2).

2. The FIR has been registered on the statement of complainant on

the allegations of harassment and ill-treatment at the hands of accused-petitioner 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, Patiala 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 Assistant Advocate General, Punjab on instructions from the Investigating Officer and learned counsel for the respondent No.2 admit the factum of compromise. Learned counsel for the 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 of FIR No.15 dated 09.02.2019 registered under Sections 406, 498-A, 420, 506 Indian Penal Code at Police Station Women Cell Patiala, District Patiala (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising out of the same are quashed qua petitioner.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

September 21, 2021
P.Bhatt

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No