

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-5275 of 2020  
Date of Decision: 19.03.2021

Sandeep Kumar and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH**

Present: Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Advocate,  
for the petitioners.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. B.D. Sharma, Advocate,  
for respondent no.2

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**AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J. (ORAL)**

Case heard via video conferencing.

By this petition, the petitioners seek quashing of FIR no.0169, dated 08.12.2019, registered at Police Station Mahilpur, District Hoshiarpur, alleging therein the commission of an offence punishable under Section 498-A of the IPC.

Pursuant to the order dated 06.02.2021, a report of the learned JMIC, Garhshankar, dated 17.04.2020, is on record, with a *Vakalatnama* in favour of learned counsel appearing for respondent no.2, i.e. Mr. B.D. Sharma, Advocate, now being on record.

As per the said report, the parties to the dispute, i.e. the petitioners, Sandeep Kumar, Harmesh Singh, Nirmal Kaur and Balwinder Singh, as also the

complainant, i.e. respondent no.2, Amarjot, appeared before that court and suffered statements to the effect that they have compromised the matter with each other voluntarily, without any fear, threat or coercion; and that respondent no.2 stated that she has no objection if the FIR in question is quashed.

The report under Section 173(2) of the Cr.P.C. had also not been submitted to the competent court at that stage as per the report before the learned JMIC to that effect, with it further stated that none of the accused had never been declared to be proclaimed offenders in any case.

The assessment of the learned Magistrate is to the effect that the compromise is indeed genuine and voluntary, without undue pressure or coercion.

That being so, it being essentially a matrimonial dispute, I see no reason to continue with the criminal proceedings, with learned counsel for respondent no.2 reiterating that the said respondent still stands by the compromise reached between the parties.

Consequently, the petition is allowed and FIR No.0169, dated 08.12.2021, registered at Police Station Mahilpur, District Hoshiarpur, for the alleged commission of an offence punishable under Section 498-A of the IPC, along with all proceedings emanating therefrom, is hereby quashed.

**March 19, 2021**  
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**(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)**  
**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes

Whether Reportable

No