

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

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**CRM-M-49111-2018 (O & M)
Date of decision : 26.11.2021**

UDIT SETHI

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANT PARKASH

Present : Mr. Siddharth Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Tanvir Joshi, AAG, Punjab,
for the respondent No. 1 -State.

Mr. Gurpreet Singh Dhillon, Advocate
for respondent No. 2

SANT PARKASH, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition under Section 482 of the the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 is for quashing of FIR No.19 dated 07.08.2017 registered under Sections 406 and 498-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short 'the IPC') in Police Station NRI, Ludhiana, Punjab with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom in view of the compromise arrived at between the parties.

The above said FIR was registered on complaint made by respondent No. 2-Reema Sethi. In the complaint, respondent No. 2 alleged that her marriage was solemnized with Udit Sethi (petitioner) on 21.05.2014 in accordance with Hindu rites and ceremonies. The accused-petitioner alongwith his parents and sister made dowry demands on various occasions as mentioned in the complaint and

thrown out of the matrimonial house for not fulfilling their demand of dowry.

Vide order dated 26.02.2020, Co-ordinate Bench of this Court directed the private parties to appear before the trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate on 31.03.2020 for recording of their statements with regard to compromise/settlement and directed the Trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate to submit a report regarding the genuineness and voluntary nature of the compromise. Thereafter, on request of the parties, further opportunities were granted for 16.08.2021 and 27.10.2021 for the said purpose.

In compliance with the above said order, learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Ludhiana has recorded the statements of both the parties and submitted report vide letter No. 1837 dated 23.11.2021, duly forwarded by the learned District and Sessions Judge, Ludhiana vide letter No. 676/EC dated 23.11.2021.

A perusal of the report of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Ludhiana clearly reveals that the matter has been compromised by the parties with their free consent, voluntarily and without any coercion or undue influence.

I have heard learned Counsel for the parties and gone through the case file.

Learned State Counsel has no objection in case the FIR along with all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom is quashed on the basis of compromise effected between the parties.

The offences involved in the present case are overwhelmingly and predominantly of private character. The parties

have resolved their entire dispute. The compromise will also contribute to peace and harmony in the society.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and FIR No.19 dated 07.08.2017 registered under Sections 406 and 498-A of the IPC in Police Station NRI, Ludhiana, Punjab is quashed with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom.

26.11.2021
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(SANT PARKASH)
JUDGE

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