

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

CRM-M-4994-2022

Date of decision: 12.10.2022

GAGANDEEP SINGH AND ORS.

...PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANR.

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

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

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Addl. AG, Punjab.

Mr. Ilyas Khan, Advocate for respondent No.2.

VIVEK PURI, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners have approached this Court by way of instant petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. invoking its inherent jurisdiction for quashing of FIR No.117 dated 28.08.2021 under Sections 406/498-A IPC, registered at Police Station Mullanpur, District SAS Nagar (Mohali) and all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise.

On 28.07.2022, parties were directed to appear before the Trial Court/Illaq Magistrate and get their statements recorded with regard to the compromise arrived at between them.

The trial Court was directed to record the statements of all the concerned and send its report regarding genuineness and voluntary nature of the compromise.

In compliance of the order dated 28.07.2022, learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Kharar has recorded the statements of the parties and submitted the report, the relevant para whereof reads as under:-

“1. There are three persons namely Gagandeep Singh, Taljinder Kaur and Kulwinder Singh arrayed as accused in the FIR.

2. *No accused is declared as Proclaimed Offender in this case.*
3. *The compromise appears to be genuine, voluntary and without any coercion or undue influence.*
4. *Accused-persons namely Gagandeep Singh, Taljinder Kaur and Kulwinder Singh as well as complainant Kamaldeep Kaur are involved in present case i.e. FIR No.117 dated 28.08.2021 u/s 498-A of IPC, P.S. Mullanpur only except the above-said case, they are not involved in any other case.*
5. *The statement of Investigating Officer is recorded and as per his statement there is only one victim/complainant in the present FIR.”*

Learned counsel for the petitioners contend that the marriage of petitioner No.1 was solemnized with respondent No.2 on 01.02.2019 but no child has been born from the wedlock. The matrimonial dispute has been amicably settled between the parties in terms of compromise dated 08.09.2021 (Annexure P-2). The marriage of petitioner No.1 and respondent No.2 has been dissolved by a decree of divorce by mutual consent under Section 13-B of Hindu Marriage Act in terms of judgment and decree dated 11.05.2022 passed by the learned Family Court, SAS Nagar (Mohali). A sum of Rs.11,00,000/- has been paid on account of permanent alimony to respondent No.2. No other case is pending between the parties.

Learned counsel for respondent No.2 states that he has no objection if FIR is quashed.

After hearing the learned counsel for the parties and going through the record of the case, this Court is of the considered opinion that it is a fit case for exercising the inherent jurisdiction of this Court under Section 482 Cr.P.C., so as to secure the ends of justice because the parties have arrived at a settlement, out of the Court, by way of compromise. The compromise is without any pressure and a genuine one. In such a situation, continuation of the prosecution would result in sheer abuse of process of law.

The controversy in the instant case does not indicate that the same involves heinous or serious offences and furthermore, the matrimonial dispute has been sought to be amicably settled. Consequently, a deserving case is made out where the court should exercise the power to secure the ends of justice.

For the aforesaid view, this Court finds support from ***Kulwinder Singh and others Vs. State of Punjab and another, 2007(3) RCR (Criminal) 1052***, upheld by Hon'ble Apex Court in ***Gian Singh Vs. State of Punjab and others (2012) 10 SCC 303***.

Considering the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case noted above, coupled with the reasons aforementioned and to secure the ends of justice, FIR No.117 dated 28.08.2021 under Sections 406/498-A IPC, registered at Police Station Mullanpur, District SAS Nagar (Mohali) and all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are ordered to be quashed, however, qua petitioners only.

Resultantly, with the above-said observations made, the instant petition stands allowed.

12.10.2022
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(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

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