

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA,
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-11071-2022

Date of decision : 21.11.2022

Karan Sodhi

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.. Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present : Mr.Tushar Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.
Mr.Mohinder Singh Joshi, Addl.A.G., Punjab.
Mr.Raj Shekhar, Advocate for respondent No.2.

Amarjot Bhatti, J.

Karan Sodhi, petitioner has filed this petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No.57 dated 31.05.2014 (Annexure P-1), registered under Sections 406 and 498-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1960 at Police Station Ludhiana (Women) on the basis of compromise dated 11.11.2021 (Annexure P-2) and all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom.

As per the facts of the case, on the complaint of Priya Sodhi, present FIR has been registered against Karan Sodhi with the allegation that her marriage was performed with Karan Sodhi with great pomp and show on 06.02.2013 by spending huge amount of Rs.35-40 lacs at the time of marriage and other ceremonies. Huge, dowry articles were given in the shape of gifts and ornaments and her parents had also given a new i20 car to her husband. However, he was unhappy with the dowry articles by saying that the same were of poor quality and he was raising demand for new Innova car. Her parents showed their inability to satisfy this demand. During her stay in the matrimonial home, she was beaten up by her husband and other family members. She was being forced to demand a car from her father. He also

levelled false allegations on her character. Her family members had arranged Rs.2 lacs which were given to her husband. She was maltreated, abused in the matrimonial home. The accused in order to defame her started sending fake messages. Ultimately, on 18.05.2013, she was beaten up and turned out of the matrimonial home. A panchayat was also convened to reconcile but they flatly refused to rehabilitate her. In this way, the accused have spoiled her life.

On the basis of compromise arrived at between the parties, they were directed to appear before the trial court/Illaqa Magistrate for recording of their statements regarding compromise. The detailed report regarding compromise dated 02.09.2022 of Judicial Magistrate 1st Class Ludhiana has been received. As per this report, the complainant Priya Sodhi has given her statement admitting the compromise deed, Exhibit.PX. She also confirmed that this compromise has been effected with her own free will and without any pressure from any side. Similarly, Karan Sodhi has also confirmed the aforesaid facts. ASI Sukhdev Singh, the Investigating Officer also confirmed that Karan Sodhi is involved only in this FIR and he has never been declared a proclaimed person. The learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class Ludhiana has also confirmed the compromise as genuine, voluntarily and without any pressure or undue influence.

The aforesaid compromise is not disputed by learned counsel representing the State.

I have gone through the record carefully.

The FIR was registered against Karan Sodhi under Sections 406 and 498-A IPC on the complaint of his wife Priya Sodhi. Now with the intervention of family members and respectables, the matter has been compromised in which they have settled all their disputes regarding marriage.

The compromise deed is exhibited as P-X. It has also come on record that both

the parties had filed petition under Section 13-B of the Hindu Marriage Act for dissolution of marriage and a decree of divorce has been passed on 18.01.2022. The aforesaid facts clearly indicates that all the matters have been mutually resolved by the parties. This compromise has been effected with their free consent. It will help both the parties to lead their life afresh and it will also help them in avoiding future litigation.

Under these circumstances, no purpose would be served with the continuation of criminal proceedings in the aforesaid FIR. This compromise will bring peace and harmony in the society. Therefore, considering these facts, the present petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. filed by the petitioner Karan Sodhi is accepted by quashing the FIR No.57 dated 31.05.2014 (Annexure P-1), registered under Sections 406 and 498-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1960 at Police Station Ludhiana (Women) on the basis of compromise dated 11.11.2021 (Annexure P-2) and all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom.

Petition is accordingly disposed of.

21.11.2022
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(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No