

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA,
AT CHANDIGARH

264-2

CRM-M-14340-2022 (O&M)

Date of decision : 21.11.2022

Priya Sodhi

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.. Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

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

Amarjot Bhatti, J.

Priya Sodhi, petitioner has filed this petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No.138 dated 10.08.2016 (Annexure P-1), registered under Sections 457, 380, 447, 511, 506, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1960 at Police Station Division No.4, District Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana on the basis of compromise dated 11.11.2021 (Annexure P-2) and all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom.

Brief facts of the case are that Vijay Sodhi, complainant gave his statement to the police that marriage of his son Karan Sodhi was performed with Priya Sodhi in the year 2013. The matrimonial dispute started after 2-3 months of marriage. She got registered false FIR No.57 dated 31.05.2014 (Annexure P-1), under Sections 406 and 498-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1960 at Police Station Ludhiana (Women) against her son which is pending. She also filed one case under Domestic Act in which she was granted maintenance. His daughter-in-law at the instance of her parents, brothers and some unknown persons entered his house on 18.07.2016 by scaling the wall in their absence.

On that day, they had gone to the house of their relative. They entered the

house after sunset and had broken the locks of the house with the intention to steal the articles and to take forcible possession of the house. Since 19.07.2016, she is threatening the entire family. With these allegations, the present FIR has been registered.

On the basis of compromise arrived at between the parties, they were directed to appear before the trial court/Illaq Magistrate for recording of their statements regarding compromise. The detailed report regarding compromise, dated 21.09.2022 of Judicial Magistrate 1st Class Ludhiana has been received. As per this report, the complainant Vijay Sodhi has given his statement admitting the compromise deed, Ex.-CX. He also confirmed that this compromise has been effected with his own free will and without any pressure from any side. Similarly, Priya Sodhi has also confirmed the aforesaid facts. ASI Sukhwinder Singh, the Investigating Officer has also confirmed that Priya Sodhi is involved only in this FIR and she 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 Priya Sodhi under Sections 457, 380, 447, 511, 506, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code on the complaint of her father-in-law Vijay Sodhi. Now with the intervention of family members and respectables, the matter has been compromised in which they have settled their disputes. The compromise deed is exhibited as CX. 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 Vijay Sodhi is accepted by quashing the FIR No.138 dated 10.08.2016 (Annexure P-1), registered under Sections 457, 380, 447, 511, 506, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1960 at Police Station Division No.4, District Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana 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