

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

CRM-M-38036-2020
Date of Decision:-04.04.2022

MUNISH KUMAR & ORS

... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present:- Mr. N.S. Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. M.S. Nagra, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Tejwinder Singh Hundal, Advocate
for respondents No.2 and 3.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Present petition is for quashing of FIR No.31 dated 6.10.2020 registered under Sections 498-A, 406 IPC at Police Station Women, District Bathinda on the basis of compromise dated 28.10.2020 (Annexure P-2) along with other consequential proceedings arising thereto.

The above stated FIR in this case was registered on the basis of complaint lodged by respondent No.2-Nisha, in which she alleged that she was maltreated by her in-laws including her husband Munish Kumar, who

were demanding more dowry from her parents and when their demands were not fulfilled, she was thrown out of the matrimonial house and the accused persons also refused to return the dowry articles given at the time of her marriage.

On notice of motion, respondents No.2 & 3 appeared in the Court through their counsel and pleaded that they have no objection if the FIR in this case is quashed on the basis of the aforesaid compromise which has been effected between the parties.

During the course of preliminary hearing, the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate was directed to record the statements of all the concerned parties with regard to genuineness and validity or otherwise of the aforesaid compromise.

In compliance thereof, report from the Court of Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Bathinda along with statements of the parties has been received, in which, it is mentioned that the compromise is genuine and there was no undue influence or coercion from any side.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties

Learned counsel for the parties are *ad idem* that in view of the settlement effected between the parties, the present petition deserves to be accepted. It has also come on record that the aforesaid compromise is genuine and the parties effected the same without any undue influence or coercion.

I am of the view that the aforesaid compromise is in the welfare and interest of the parties and will enable the parties to live in peace and

enjoy their life in a dignified manner. Also there is no legal impediment in translating their wishes into reality by putting an end to the criminal prosecution initiated on the basis of FIR in question.

For the reasons aforesaid and having regard to the law laid down by Hon'ble Apex Court in **Gian Singh v. State of Punjab and another, 2012 (4) RCR (Criminal) 543** and Five Judges Bench of this Court in **Kulwinder Singh and others v. State of Punjab and another, 2007(3) RCR (Criminal) 1052**, this petition is allowed and FIR No.31 dated 6.10.2020 registered under Sections 498-A, 406 IPC at Police Station Women, District Bathinda on the basis of compromise dated 28.10.2020 (Annexure P-2) and all the subsequent proceedings thereof are hereby quashed qua the petitioners.

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

04.04.2022
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Whether reasoned / speaking?	Yes / No
Whether reportable?	Yes / No