

[Neutral Citation No. 2023:PHHC:059536]
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

(276)

CRM-M-2688-2023
Date of Decision:-24.04.2023

Kuldeep Singh and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. Chandan Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Pankaj Khullar, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Vansikha Johar, Advocate for respondent No.2.

ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking quashing of FIR No.77 dated 04.05.2022, registered under Sections 406, 498-A, 323, 342, 506, 504 and 148 of Indian Penal Code at Police Station Division No.6, District Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise deed dated 03.11.2022 (Annexure P-2).

Keeping in view the fact that the parties entered into a compromise, this Court vide order dated 13.03.2023 directed the parties to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate for getting their statements recorded in that regard. Pursuant thereto, a report dated 20.04.2023 has been received from the Chief Judicial Magistrate Jalandhar stating that the compromise arrived at between the parties is voluntary and the same is without any pressure, coercion or undue influence.

Learned State counsel and learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent No.2-complainant admit the factum of compromise and submit that they have no objection to quashing of the FIR on that basis.

Perusal of the aforesaid report establishes that the parties have amicably settled their dispute, and continuance of criminal prosecution in such a situation will be an exercise in futility, as the chances of ultimate conviction are bleak. The power under Section 482 Cr.P.C. can be exercised in such matters. It has been held by Supreme Court of India in cases *Gian Singh v. State of Punjab and another* 2012(10) SCC 303 and *Narinder Singh and others v. State of Punjab and another* 2014(6) SCC 406, that criminal cases having overwhelmingly civil character, particularly those arising out of commercial transactions or matrimonial relationships or family disputes, should be quashed when the parties have resolved their disputes among themselves in a *bona fide* manner.

Consequently, this petition is allowed. FIR No.77 dated 04.05.2022, registered under Sections 406, 498-A, 323, 342, 506, 504 and 148 of Indian Penal Code at Police Station Division No.6, District Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed qua the petitioners. Since the parties have compromised the matter and have cohabiting together, therefore, the cost is imposed only on the petitioners to the tune of ₹10,000/- each to be deposited by the petitioners within one month from today in the following account:-

**“Account Name – Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar.
Association Lawyer’s Family Welfare Fund.
Account No. - 41564846387.
Bank Name – SBI High Court Branch.”**

**(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE**

24.04.2023

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