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

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Date of Decision:-**May 05, 2023**

Gurpreet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. H.S. Jugait, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Pankaj Khullar, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Lalit Sharma, Advocate for respondent No.2.

ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking quashing of FIR No. 19 dated 03.03.2016, registered under Sections 406 and 498-A of Indian Penal Code at Police Station Barnala, Barnala (Annexure P-1) and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise dated 19.01.2023 (Annexure P-2).

2. Keeping in view the fact that the parties entered into a compromise, this Court vide order dated 31.01.2023 directed the parties to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court for getting their statements recorded in that regard. Pursuant thereto, a report dated 01.05.2023 has been received from the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Barnala, stating that the compromise arrived at between the parties is voluntary and the same is without any pressure, coercion or undue influence.

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

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4. 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.

5. Consequently, this petition is allowed. FIR No. 19 dated 03.03.2016, registered under Sections 406 and 498-A of Indian Penal Code at Police Station Barnala, Barnala (Annexure P-1) and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed *qua* the petitioner.

6. Since, the parties have reconciled the matter and respondent No.2 has joined back the company of the petitioner, therefore, the cost is being imposed only on the petitioner.

7. Thus, the payment of cost of Rs. 10,000/- to be paid by the petitioner 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**

May 05, 2023

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