

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

**CRM-M No.5855 of 2023
Date of Decision: 01.09.2023**

Sandeep Pal Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & Anr.

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present:- Mr. Sandeep Gahlawat, Advocate &
Mr. Rajesh Kumar Kashyap, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Virat Rana, AAG, Punjab,
for respondent No.1-State.

Ms. Amandeep Kaur, Advocate,
for respondent No.2.

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MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J.(ORAL)

The petitioner herein prays for the quashing of the FIR bearing No.058 dated 15.09.2022 as registered at Women Police Station Bathinda, District Bathinda, under Sections 498-A, 406 & 506 IPC as well as all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom, while averring that the parties have arrived at a compromise regarding their dispute, culminating in the registration of the said FIR.

2. Bereft of unnecessary details, the allegations, as levelled by the prosecution against the petitioner in the present case, are that he had subjected respondent No.2-complainant to cruelty for bringing insufficient

dowry and for demanding more dowry and also due to the non-fulfilment of his above-said demand.

3. Vide the order dated 06.02.2023 as passed by the Co-ordinate Bench, the parties had been directed to appear before the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate on 13.02.2023 for recording their statements in respect of the afore-referred compromise and in compliance of this order, learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Bathinda, recorded their (parties') statements and has submitted her report (as already available on the file), while mentioning therein that the compromise arrived at between the parties is genuine and the same has been affected by them voluntarily and without any pressure, coercion or undue influence from any quarter and only one person, i.e the petitioner, has been nominated as the accused in this case and as per the statement of ASI Resham Singh, there is only one complainant, i.e respondent No.2, in the instant case and no other criminal case is pending against the petitioner. The statements of the petitioner, respondent No.2 and the above-named ASI, have been annexed with the said report.

4. I have heard learned counsels for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel and learned counsel for respondent No.2, in the present petition and have also perused the file thoroughly.

5. The afore-mentioned compromise has been affected to put the dispute between the parties at rest for all the times to come and in view of the same, there are bleak chances of the conviction of the petitioner and in these circumstances, the continuation of the proceedings in the case arisen out of the subject FIR, would be an exercise in futility.

6. Keeping in view the above-discussed facts and circumstances and also the observations as made by Hon'ble the Supreme Court in **Gian Singh Versus State of Punjab and another (2012)4 RCR (Criminal) 543,** the FIR bearing No.058 dated 15.09.2022 as registered at Women Police Station Bathinda, District Bathinda, under Sections 498-A, 406 & 506 IPC as well as all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom (if any), are hereby quashed. The petition in hand stands allowed accordingly.

01.09.2023*seema***(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes
Whether Reportable: No