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

(257)

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Date of Decision:-11.01.2023.

Harpreet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. Naveen Batra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sarabjeet Singh Cheema, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Raman Kumar, 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.22 dated 02.03.2017, registered under Section 498-A of IPC at Police Station Anandpur Sahib, District Rupnagar (Annexure P-1) and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, in view of the compromise dated 17.02.2021 (Annexure P-2).

Keeping in view the fact that the parties entered into a compromise, this Court vide order dated 27.04.2021 directed the parties to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court for getting their statements recorded in that regard. Pursuant thereto, a report dated 07.12.2022 has been received from Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Sri Anandpur Sahib, stating that the compromise arrived at between the parties is genuine, voluntary and the same is without any pressure, coercion or

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undue influence. Accused is neither absconding nor declared as proclaimed person.

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 466 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.22 dated 02.03.2017, registered under Section 498-A of IPC at Police Station Anandpur Sahib, District Rupnagar (Annexure P-1) and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed *qua* the petitioner.

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

January 11, 2023.

Sandeep

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