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

(279)

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Date of Decision:-**February 23, 2023**

Sunil Sharma

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. Vinay Puri, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Madhur Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Kuldeep Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Gagandeep Singh Virk, 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. 0051 dated 18.05.2021, registered under Section 498-A of Indian Penal Code, 1860, (Section 406 IPC added vide General Dairy Details dated 18.06.2021 i.e. Annexure P-2) at Police Station Women Cell, District Ludhiana (Annexure P-1) and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise deed/affidavit dated 30.04.2022 (Annexures P-3 and P-4).

Keeping in view the fact that the parties entered into a compromise, this Court vide order dated 10.11.2022 directed the parties to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court for getting their statements recorded in that regard. Pursuant thereto, a report dated 16.12.2022 has been received from the Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Ludhiana, stating that the compromise arrived at between the parties is voluntary and the same is without any pressure, coercion or undue influence.

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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. 0051 dated 18.05.2021, registered under Section 498-A of Indian Penal Code, 1860, (Section 406 IPC added vide General Dairy Details dated 18.06.2021 i.e. Annexure P-2) at Police Station Women Cell, District Ludhiana (Annexure P-1) and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed qua the petitioner.

Since, the parties have reconciled the matter and respondent No.2 has joined the company of the petitioner, therefore, learned counsel for the petitioner prays that the cost be imposed on petitioner only. 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**

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