

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

(237/2)

CRM-M-22402-2023
Date of Decision: 31.05.2023

Gurpreet Kaur and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Ishan Thakur, Advocate, for
Mr. L. S. Sidhu, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Tarun Aggarwal, DAG, Punjab

Mr. J. S. Khiva, Advocate,
for the respondents No.2 to 5.

HARKESH MANUJA, J.(ORAL)

By way of present petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C., petitioners pray for quashing of FIR No.0119 dated 10.06.2022, registered under Sections 324, 323, 34 IPC at Police Station Sadar Dhuri, District Sangrur (Annexure P-3) along with all consequential proceedings arising out of the same on the basis of compromise dated 15.04.2023 (Annexure P-4).

2. In the present case, petitioners gave beatings to the complainant party in the name of dowry resulting into registration of the present FIR.

3. In pursuance to an order dated 04.05.2023 passed by this Court, whereby the parties were directed to appear before the trial Court for getting their statements recorded as regards, the veracity of compromise arrived at between them, report dated 26.05.2023 has been received from the concerned court, stating that the compromise in the present case is valid, genuine, voluntary and without any coercion or under influence. There is no other

accused except the present petitioners and apart from complainant namely Yadwinder Singh, three other persons namely Harshpreet Singh, Paramjit Kaur and Makhan Singh were also arrayed as respondents No.3 to 5.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that once, the compromise has been arrived at between the parties without any pressure and respondents No.2 to 5 have no objection as regards quashing of FIR as well as other subsequent proceedings arising out of the same against the petitioners, the dispute being purely personal in nature, there does not appear to be any impediment as regards quashing of present FIR. He further submits that in order to maintain peace and harmony between the parties, particularly under the circumstances wherein the alleged offences have no societal interest involved, it would be appropriate to render complete quietus to the aforementioned dispute by quashing the FIR on the basis of compromise entered into between the parties.

5. On the other hand learned State counsel submits that petitioners gave beatings in the name of dowry to the complainant party.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties, they having settled their dispute so as to live peacefully in future, no useful purpose would be served by proceeding further with the criminal proceedings. In the light of above developments, no cause remains for the trial Court to invest further time and effort in adjudicating this FIR. The compromise in question is found to be fully in consonance with the direction issued by the Court in ***Kulwinder Singh & Ors. Vs. State of Punjab 2007(3) RCR (Criminal) 1052 and Gian Singh Vs. State of Punjab & Anr., 2012(4) RCR (Crl.) 543.***

7. Thus in view of the aforesaid report, accompanied by statements of both the parties as well as keeping in mind the law laid down in the aforementioned judgment, the instant petition is allowed and FIR No.0119

dated 10.06.2022, registered under Sections 324, 323, 34 IPC at Police Station Sadar Dhuri, District Sangrur (Annexure P-3) as well as all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom are hereby quashed.

8. The aforesaid order shall however, be subject to payment of costs of Rs.10,000/- to be deposited by the petitioners with the State Legal Service Authority, Punjab, within a period of two weeks from today.

31.05.2023
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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No