

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-29428-2022

Date of Decision:-April 12, 2023

Bhupinder Kumar

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Ms. Gurvir Kaur Gill, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Pankaj Khullar, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Aayush Goyal, 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. 21 dated 14.10.2021, registered under Section 498-A of Indian Penal Code at Police Station Women, District Ferozepur (Annexure P-1) and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise dated 06.06.2022 (Annexure P-2).

Learned counsel for the petitioner as well as respondent No.2 have submitted that learned Principal Judge, Family Court, Ferozepur has granted the decree of divorce by mutual consent under Section 13-B of Hindu Marriage Act, on 06.01.2023.

Keeping in view the fact that the parties entered into a compromise, this Court vide order dated 19.12.2022 directed the parties to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court for getting their statements recorded in that regard. Pursuant thereto, a report dated 31.03.2023 has been received from the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Ferozepur, 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 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.

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. 21 dated 14.10.2021, registered under Section 498-A of Indian Penal Code at Police Station Women, District Ferozepur (Annexure P-1) and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed *qua* the petitioner, subject to payment of cost of Rs. 10,000/- to be deposited by the petitioner and Rs. 10,000/- to be deposited by respondent No.2 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