

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

**CRM-M No.53858 of 2022
Date of Decision: 28.08.2023**

Shakeel Ahmed & Ors.

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana & Anr.

...Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Vikram Singh Chauhan, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Kirpal Singh Thakur, AAG, Haryana,
for respondent No.1-State.

Mr. Vishal Singh, Advocate, appearing as
proxy counsel for Mr. Roshan Lal Saini, Advocate,
for respondent No.2.

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MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J.(ORAL)

By way of the instant petition, the petitioners have prayed for the quashing of the FIR bearing No.0071 dated 13.04.2019 registered at Police Station Sector-14, Panchkula, under Sections 406, 498-A & 120-B IPC as well as all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom, while averring that the parties have arrived at a compromise qua their dispute, culminating in the registration of the said FIR.

2. Bereft of unnecessary details, the allegations, as levelled by respondent No.2-complainant in the subject FIR, are that the petitioners subjected her to cruelty for bringing insufficient dowry and for demanding more dowry and had also retained her dowry articles.

3. Vide the order dated 03.02.2023 as passed by the Co-ordinate Bench, the parties had been directed to appear before the trial Court/Duty Magistrate on 16.03.2023 for recording their statements in respect of the afore-referred compromise and in compliance of this order, learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Panchkula, recorded their (parties') statements and has submitted his report (as already available on the file), while mentioning therein that from the statements of the parties, it appears that they have genuinely compromised the matter and the said compromise is the result of their free will and that no proclamation proceedings are pending against the petitioners. The joint statement of the petitioners and the separate statement of respondent No.2-complainant have also been annexed with the above-said report.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners as well as learned State counsel and learned proxy 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 it being so, there are bleak chances of the conviction of the petitioners 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.0071 dated 13.04.2019 registered at Police Station

Sector-14, Panchkula, under Sections 406, 498-A & 120-B IPC as well as all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom (if any), are hereby quashed. The petition in hand stands allowed accordingly.

28.08.2023

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(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether Reportable:</i>	<i>No</i>