

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-6387-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 09.04.2024

TEJINDER SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANR

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN

Present : Mr. Ravinder Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Amit Sharma, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN, J.

[1] The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for quashing of FIR No.144 dated 24.11.2021, under Section 498-A IPC registered at Police Station PS Women, District Ludhiana (Annexure P-1), on the basis of compromise dated 01.09.2022 (Annexure P-4) arrived between the parties.

[2] Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the FIR was registered at the instance of respondent No.2 on account of a matrimonial dispute between the parties. He further contends that the matter has been settled between the petitioner-husband and respondent No.2-wife and compromise dated 01.09.2022 (Annexure P-4) has been executed between them. He submits that as per the compromise, parties have given consent for divorce with mutual consent

and Rs.15 lakhs has been paid to respondent No.2 for her maintenance, as such, respondent No.2 does not want to take any action in the present FIR.

[3] Learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent No.2 has confirmed the factum of compromise between the parties and receipt of Rs.15 lakhs by the respondent No.2.

[4] On 07.02.2023, the parties were directed to appear before the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate for recording of their statements regarding the compromise.

[5] As per the report dated 15.04.2023, received from the Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Ludhiana through the District & Sessions Judge, Ludhiana, compromise effected between the parties is genuine, voluntary and without any coercion or undue influence. No other case is pending against the present petitioner and he has not been declared "Proclaimed Offender".

[6] Learned State counsel has not raised any objection regarding the acceptance of the present petition. He has informed that final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has been presented before the trial Court but charges are yet to be framed.

[7] The matrimonial dispute between the parties stands settled. Keeping in view the fact that the compromise between the parties is genuine and voluntarily made and in view of the ratio of the decision of Hon'ble Apex Court in **Gian Singh Versus State of Punjab (SC) 2012 (4) RCR (Criminal) 543** and the decision of Hon'ble the Full Bench of this Court in **Kulwinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and others 2007 (3) RCR (Criminal) 1052**, the ends of justice would meet if the FIR and consequential proceedings are quashed by accepting the compromise between the parties.

[8] Consequently, this petition is allowed and FIR No.144 dated 24.11.2021, under Section 498-A IPC registered at Police Station PS Women, District Ludhiana (Annexure P-1), and all the subsequent proceedings emanating therefrom are ordered to be quashed, qua the petitioner.

[9] However, the respondent No.2 and the State shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of this order, in case the final terms and conditions of compromise (Annexure P-4) are violated.

[10] Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE

09.04.2024

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