



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-16695-2024 (O&M)

Date of decision: 02.07.2024

MANAV BHALLA AND ORS

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANR

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN

Present : Mr. Manan Kheterpal, Advocate for
Mr. Mandeep Singh Sachdev, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. D.B. Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Om Malhan, 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.100 dated 17.10.2022, under Sections 406, 498-A IPC and Sections 3/4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 registered at Police Station Women, District Police Commissionerate Jalandhar (Annexure P-1), on the basis of compromise deed dated 27.02.2024 (Annexure P-2) between the parties.

[2] Learned counsel for the petitioners *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 petitioners and respondent No.2 and compromise deed dated 27.02.2024 (Annexure P-2) has been executed between. He submits that joint petition for divorce under Section 13-B of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 filed on behalf of petitioner No.1-husband and respondent No.2-wife has already been allowed by the Family Court, Jalandhar, 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.

[4] Learned State counsel has not raised any objection regarding the acceptance of the present petition.

[5] On 05.04.2024, the parties were directed to appear before the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate for recording of their statements regarding the compromise.

[6] As per the report dated 07.05.2024 received from Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Jalandhar forwarded through the office of District and Sessions Judge, Jalandhar, compromise effected between the parties is genuine, voluntary and without any coercion or undue influence. The petitioners have not been declared as 'Proclaimed Offenders'.

[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.100 dated 17.10.2022, under Sections 406, 498-A IPC and Sections 3/4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 registered at Police Station Women, District Police Commissionerate Jalandhar (Annexure P-1) and all the subsequent proceedings emanating therefrom are ordered to be quashed, qua the petitioners.

[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-2) are violated.

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

(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE

02.07.2024

P.Bhatt

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