

Sr. No.299(02)

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

CRM-M-44392-2023
Date of decision: 05th March, 2024

HARPREET KAUR ALIAS MONA **.....Petitioner**

versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER **.....Respondents**

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN

Present: Mr. Gaganvir Singh Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Sourabh Singla, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN, J. (ORAL)

[1] The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for quashing of FIR No.0078 dated 30.08.2018, under Sections 406, 498-A, 506 IPC, 1860, registered at Police Station Women Cell, District Patiala (Annexure P-1), on the basis of compromise dated 21.08.2023 (Annexure P-2) arrived at between the parties.

[2] Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is the paternal aunt of the husband of respondent No.2. The FIR was registered at the instance of respondent No.2 with the allegations that the husband of respondent No.2, along with his paternal aunt (petitioner), used to harass and beat her on account of demand of dowry. The parties have arrived at an amicable settlement and executed a compromise dated 21.08.2023 (Annexure P-2). Respondent No.2 does not want to pursue the FIR and she has no objection if the FIR is quashed.

[3] Learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent No.2 has confirmed the factum of compromise between the parties.

[4] On 13.09.2023, 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 19.10.2023, received from the Judicial Magistrate, Ist Class, Patiala, through the District & Sessions Judge, Patiala, compromise effected between the parties is genuine, voluntary and without any coercion or undue influence. The petitioner has not been declared as “Proclaimed Offender” and she is not involved in any other criminal case.

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

[7] Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and 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.0078 dated 30.08.2018, under Sections 406, 498-A, 506 IPC, 1860, registered at Police Station Women Cell, District Patiala (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

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

(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE

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