

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-60952-2023(O&M)  
Date of Decision: 29.04.2024

CHAHAT BHAMBRI ... PETITIONER  
V/S  
STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER ... RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN

Present: Mr. Naveen Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.  
Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab.  
Mr. P.S.Chahal, Advocate, for respondent No. 2.

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HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN, J. (ORAL)

[1] The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No.116 dated 14.11.2021, registered at Women Police Station, District Ludhiana, under Section 498-A IPC along with all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of a compromise deed dated 28.11.2023 (Annexure P-2) executed between the parties.

[2] Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the FIR was registered at the instance of respondent No.2 by raising allegations against petitioner-Chahat Bhambri husband of respondent No.2 and against the other relatives of the petitioner. It has been alleged in the FIR that there was demand of dowry after the marriage despite the fact that ornaments including diamond ring, mobile phone and Rs. 80,000/- cash were given at the time of marriage. There are also allegations in the FIR that petitioner and respondent No.2 met each other and started living together before marriage. Petitioner used to live with respondent No.2 on the pretext of

marriage. Initially, the petitioner refused to marry respondent No.2.

Ultimately, the marriage was solemnized on 05.10.2019 at Mata Chintpurni Mandir, Himachal Pradesh and they started living together at Ludhiana, After the marriage, again dispute arose *inter se* petitioner and respondent No.2 and family members of the petitioner also used to harass complainant (respondent No.2). Now the matter has been compromised *inter se* petitioner and respondent No.2 and a panchayati compromise (Annexure P-2) has been executed between the parties, as per which respondent No.2 does not want to take any action in the present FIR and respondent No.2 would also withdraw the petition under Section 125 Cr.P.C. filed by her.

[3] Learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent No. 2 has confirmed the factum of compromise between the parties and submits that respondent No.2 does not want to take any action in the present FIR.

[4] On 04.12.2023, 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 12.02.2024, received from the learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Ludhiana, the compromise effected between the parties is genuine, voluntary and without any coercion or undue influence. The petitioner has not been declared as "Proclaimed Offender". No other case is pending against the petitioner.

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

[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. 116 dated 14.11.2021, registered at Women Police Station, District Ludhiana, under Section 498-A IPC and all the subsequent proceedings emanating therefrom are ordered to be quashed, qua the petitioner.

[9] However, 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 dated 28.11.2023 are violated.

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

**29.04.2024**

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**(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)**  
**JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No*

*Whether reportable : Yes/No*