

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

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CRM-M-6458-2025

Date of decision : 10.07.2025

Sumit Grover

..... Petitioner

V/S

State of Punjab and Anr.

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. Animesh Sharma, Advocate for petitioner.

Ms. Amrit Kaur Mahir, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Ankita Sambyal, Advocate for respondent No.2.

AMARJOT BHATTI J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioner – Sumit Grover has filed this petition under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for quashing of FIR No.0053 dated 08.07.2023, registered under Sections 498-A, 406, 34 of IPC 1860, at Women Police Station Amritsar, Punjab (Annexure P-1) and all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, qua the petitioner, in light of the compromise effected between the parties dated 04.04.2024 (Annexure P-2) and the judgment and order dated 12.07.2024 passed by learned learned Family Court, Tis Hazari Courts, New Delhi (Annexure P-3).
2. As per facts of the case, complainant Ruchika Mehra filed written complaint against her husband Sumit Grover and other members of in-laws family. It is alleged that her marriage was performed with Sumit Grover on 11.12.2021 at Amritsar. Her parents had given sufficient dowry which was handed over to the accused persons. No child is born out of this wedlock. After marriage she was maltreated, abused and misbehaved in the matrimonial home.

She faced domestic violence. Both complainant and accused No.1 were earlier married and it was their second marriage. She has given detail of expenditure incurred on various functions and at the time of marriage. Even then her husband and in-laws family were unhappy with the dowry articles. They started raising demand for Audi or BMW car and cash of Rs.25,00,000/- for their business. On various occasions huge money was spent by her parents. Even then, she was abused and insulted. She has narrated various incidents which took place in the matrimonial home. The matter could not be resolved even with the intervention of respectables. Litigation also started. She was physically and mentally tortured. Ultimately, the matter was reported to the police and present FIR has been registered.

3. Petitioner filed this petition for quashing of aforesaid FIR on the basis of compromise. Vide order dated 08.04.2025, petitioner and respondent No.2 were directed to appear before the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate for recording their statements on the basis of compromise. Detailed report regarding compromise has been received from the court of Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Amritsar dated 21.05.2025. Statement of respondent No.2 has been recorded where she confirmed the compromise with petitioner. She confirmed that this compromise has been effected voluntarily, without any coercion or undue influence and she has no objection regarding quashing of FIR.

Learned counsel representing State already filed status report through Registry, which is taken on record.

4. Petitioner- Sumit Grover also confirmed this fact in his statement. Statement of ASI Kashmir Singh is also recorded who confirmed that petitioner is not involved or declared as proclaimed offender in any other criminal case.

5. Therefore, from the report of Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Amritsar it is clear that the compromise has been effected between the parties without any pressure, coercion or undue influence, which is acceptable to both the parties. They have mutually settled all their claims arisen from matrimonial dispute. They have filed joint petition under Section 13-B (2) of Hindu Marriage Act in which decree of divorce has been granted vide judgment dated 12.07.2024 (Annexure P-3). Now, they will be able to live independently in peace and harmony. No purpose would be served with the continuation of criminal proceedings.

6. Gainful reference can be made to the judgment of Larger Bench of Five Judges of this High Court cited in **2007(3) R.C.R. (Criminal) 1052 tilted as Kulwinder Singh and Ors. Vs. State of Punjab and Anr.,** where it was explained that 'there can never be any hard and fast category which can be prescribed to enable the court to exercise its power under Section 482 of Cr.P.C. The only principle that can be laid down is the one which has been incorporated in the section itself i.e. to prevent abuse of the process of any court or to secure the ends of justice.'

7. Therefore, by relying upon the ratio of the aforesaid judgment, no purpose would be served with the continuation of criminal proceedings. Considering these facts, the petition filed by the petitioner is accepted and FIR No.0053 dated 08.07.2023, registered under Sections 498-A, 406, 34 of IPC 1860, at Women Police Station Amritsar, Punjab (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arisen therefrom are quashed qua petitioner.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

10.07.2025.

Sunil Devi

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No