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

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Date of decision : 03.07.2025

Narinder Singh and Ors.

..... Petitioners

V/S

State of Punjab and Anr.

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. Nand Lal Sammi, Advocate and
Mr. Hitesh Kumar Sammi, Advocate for petitioners.

Ms. Amrit Kaur Mahir, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. S.S.Kamboj, Advocate for respondent No.2.

AMARJOT BHATTI J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioners- Narinder Singh, Malkeet Singh, Rajwant Kaur, Harpreet Kaur, Harpreet Singh, Ramandeep Kaur and Manpreet Singh have filed instant petition under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for quashing of FIR No.0084 dated 29.10.2021, under Sections 406, 498-A and 120-B of IPC 1860, registered at Police Station Women (Patiala), District Patiala (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arisen therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 22.11.2024 (Annexure P-2).

2. As per facts of the case, complainant Sandeep Kaur filed written complaint against her husband Narinder Singh and other members of in-laws family alleging that her marriage was performed with Narinder Singh on 26.01.2015 according to Sikh rites. Her parents had performed marriage with great pomp and show and she was given dowry beyond their capacity. She has given detail of dowry articles given at the time of marriage including gold ornaments, furniture items, bullet motorcycle, household appliances etc. After



some time, her in-laws started harassing her on petty matters and taunted her for bringing less dowry. She told her in-laws family that her father had spent about Rs.18 Lacs on marriage and now they are not in a position to give a car as per their demand. She became pregnant and gave birth to a son on 01.05.2017. Again, her parental family had spent huge money by giving gifts etc. Since, she was not keeping good health, she was not provided proper treatment. Her treatment was got done from PGI Chandigarh by her parents. The maltreatment continued. Panchayat also intervened to settle the controversy but it failed. Finally, the complaint was filed and present FIR was registered.

3. Petitioners filed this petition for quashing of aforesaid FIR on the basis of compromise. Vide order dated 20.02.2025, petitioners 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, Patiala dated 09.04.2025. Statement of respondent No.2 has been recorded where she confirmed the compromise with petitioners. 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 has already filed status report through Registry, which is taken on record.

4. Petitioners- Narinder Singh, Malkeet Singh, Rajwant Kaur, Harpreet Kaur, Harpreet Singh, Ramandeep Kaur and Manpreet Singh also confirmed this fact in their joint statement. Statement of ASI Baljinder Singh is also recorded who confirmed that petitioners are not involved or declared as proclaimed offenders in any other criminal case.



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5. Therefore, from the report of Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Patiala it is clear that compromise has been effected between the parties without any pressure, coercion or undue influence. They have mutually settled all their claims arisen from matrimonial dispute. They have decided to part ways by filing joint petition under Section 13-B of Hindu Marriage Act. Matter has been settled in Rs.7,50,000/-. Thereafter, 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 petitioners is accepted and FIR No.0084 dated 29.10.2021, under Sections 406, 498-A and 120-B of IPC 1860, registered at Police Station Women (Patiala), District Patiala (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arisen therefrom are quashed qua petitioners.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

03.07.2025.

Sunil Devi

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