



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-9538-2025
Date of decision : 03.07.2025

ANKIT MEHTA AND OTHERS

..... Petitioners

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. Angel Walia, Advocate for petitioner.
(appeared through video conferencing).

Ms. Amrit Kaur Mahir, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Rishab Goyal, Advocate respondent No.2.

AMARJOT BHATTI J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioners-Ankit Mehta, Rajesh Mehta and Renu Mehta have filed instant petition under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for quashing of FIR No. 20 dated 25.03.2021 under Sections 498-A and 406 of IPC, registered at Police Station Women, Amritsar (Annexure P-1) and all other subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise dated 06.02.2025 (Annexure P-3).

2. As per facts of the case, Arvina Gupta filed written complaint against her husband Ankit Mehta and other members of in-laws family. She alleged that her marriage took place on 21.09.2018 with Ankit Mehta and her parents had spent about Rs.25 lacs on marriage. She was given dowry articles, customary gifts consisting of gold ornaments, shagun etc. as detailed in the FIR. After marriage they had gone to Mauritius for honeymoon where her husband



remained under the influence of intoxicant. Their marriage was not consummated. After marriage she faced harassment in the matrimonial home. She was taunted and illtreated by her husband and other members of in-laws family. They were unhappy with the dowry articles and started compelling to bring Rs.25 lacs to start their business of iron scrap. She has narrated various incidents which took place in the matrimonial home. She was told that she will be permitted to live in the matrimonial home unless or until their demand was satisfied. Finally, she was turned out of the house and she came to Amritsar on 19.01.2020. All her dowry articles remained in the matrimonial home. Ultimately, the matter was reported to the police and present FIR has been registered.

3. Petitioners filed this petition for quashing of aforesaid FIR on the basis of compromise. Vide order dated 19.02.2025, 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 1st Class, Amritsar, dated 19.03.2025. 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 fear, pressure, threat, 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. Petitioners Ankit Mehta, Rajesh Mehta and Renu Mehta also confirmed this fact in their joint statement. Statement of ASI Gurbhajan Singh

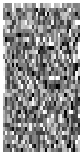


is also recorded who confirmed that petitioners are not involved or declared as proclaimed offenders in any other criminal case.

5. Therefore, from the report of Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Amritsar, 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. 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. 20 dated 25.03.2021 under Sections 498-A and 406 of IPC, registered at Police Station Women, Amritsar (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise dated 06.02.2025 (Annexure P-3) are quashed qua petitioners.



8. Pending miscellaneous application, if any, shall also stands disposed of accordingly.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

03.07.2025.
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No