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

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Date of decision : 01.05.2025

Ranjit Singh

..... Petitioner

V/S

State of Punjab and Anr.

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. Rimple Saini, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Vivek Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Divesh Mahajan, Advocate for
Mr. Hansraj Verma, Advocate for
respondent No.2.

AMARJOT BHATTI J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioner- Ranjit Singh has filed instant petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No.125 dated 24.11.2022 (Annexure P-1), under Section 498-A of IPC, 1860 (Section 323 of IPC was added later on) registered at Police Station Sekhwan Police District Batala, District Gurdaspur and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 30.01.2025 (Annexure P-2).

2. As per facts of the case, complainant Baljit Kaur filed complaint against her husband Ranjit Singh and other members of the in-laws family with the allegations of harassment on account of demand of dowry. Baljit Kaur got married with Ranjit Singh on 19.11.2008 according to Sikh Rites. Her parents had spent about Rs.4,00,000/- on her marriage and had given gold ornaments, fridge, T.V., Cooler, furniture and other household articles. All her dowry articles are in possession of accused persons. From the very beginning of marriage, she

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was harassed on account of demand for a motorcycle. Several times, she was turned out of the house but thereafter, the matter was compromised. She also filed complaint under Domestic Violence Act. The accused cleverly compromised the matter and got filed one petition for divorce with mutual consent under Section 13-B of Hindu Marriage Act. Accused Ranjit Singh was to pay Rs.3,00,000/- as permanent alimony but thereafter, he effected compromise and withdrew that case. The complainant was again beaten up in the matrimonial home by her husband under the influence of liquor. Other members of the in-laws family also picked up quarrels with her and she was beaten up. She received injuries. Her medical examination was done. Thereafter, present FIR has been registered.

3. Petitioner filed this petition for quashing of aforesaid FIR on the basis of compromise. Vide order dated 25.02.2025, 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, Batala dated 01.04.2025. 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.

4. Petitioner- Ranjit Singh also confirmed this fact in his separate statement. Statement of ASI Didar 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, Batala it is clear that compromise has been effected between the parties without any



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pressure, coercion or undue influence. They have mutually settled all their claims arisen from matrimonial dispute and started living together. They will be able to live in peace and harmony. It will end the litigation started between them. 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.125 dated 24.11.2022 (Annexure P-1), under Section 498-A of IPC, 1860 (Section 323 of IPC was added later on) registered at Police Station Sekhwan Police District Batala, District Gurdaspur and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom are quashed qua petitioner.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

01.05.2025.

Sunil Devi

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