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

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Date of decision : 13.08.2025

Mohit Verma

..... Petitioner

V/S

State of Punjab and Anr.

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Ms. Dilpreet Kaur, Advocate for
Mr. Kanwar Pahul Singh, Advocate for petitioner.

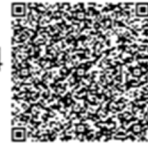
Ms. Amrit Kaur Mahir, AAG, Punjab.

Dr. Rabia Gund, Advocate for respondent No.2.

AMARJOT BHATTI J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioner – Mohit Verma has filed this petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR No.67 dated 28.07.2023, registered under Section 498-A of IPC 1860 at Police Station Women, District Amritsar City (Annexure P-1) and final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. along with all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, qua the petitioner, in light of the compromise effected between the parties dated 15.02.2025 (Annexure P-2).

2. As per facts of the case, complainant/respondent No.2 filed written complaint against her husband Mohit Verma and other members of in-laws family with the allegation of performing her marriage with Mohit Verma by concealing his first marriage and causing harassment and maltreatment on account of demand of dowry. It is submitted that her marriage was solemnized with Mohit Verma on 24.07.2022. No child is born out of this wedlock. Her

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parents had spent huge money at the time of marriage. They had given gold ornaments to her husband and other members of in-laws family. After marriage, she came to know that her husband was already married. He was drug addict and used to beat her under the influence of intoxicants. He had filed a complaint to Commissioner of Police, Amritsar dated 21.04.2023 which was marked to the Counselling Cell, Police Line, Amritsar. The accused persons visited on two occasions and thereafter, they stopped coming to the Counselling Cell. They also filed one application in Police Station Division No.8, Jalandhar as a counter-blast. Finally, present complaint was filed, on the basis of which present FIR has been registered.

3. Petitioner filed this petition for quashing of aforesaid FIR on the basis of compromise. Vide order dated 20.03.2025, 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 02.05.2025. Statement of respondent No.2/Muskan 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- Mohit Verma also confirmed this fact in his statement. Statement of SI Rajak 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.



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They have mutually settled all their claims arisen from matrimonial dispute. They have filed joint petition under Section 13-B of Hindu Marriage Act. Thereafter, they will be able to live independently in peace and harmony. It will end the litigation started between them.

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 titled 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.67 dated 28.07.2023, registered under Section 498-A of IPC 1860 at Police Station Women, District Amritsar City (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arisen therefrom are quashed qua petitioner.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

13.08.2025.

Sunil Devi

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