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

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Date of decision : 19.05.2025

Ravi Kumar and Anr.

..... Petitioners

V/S

State of Punjab and Anr.

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. Manmeet Singh Rana, Advocate for petitioners.

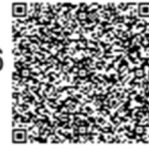
Ms. Gurpreet Kaur Sarabha, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Aaryan Kargwal, Advocate for respondent No.2.

AMARJOT BHATTI J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioners filed instant petition under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for quashing of FIR No.0012 dated 07.03.2024, registered under Sections 406, 498-A of IPC, at Police Station Women, Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar, District Jalandhar (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, qua the petitioners, in light of the compromise effected between the parties dated 07.01.2025 (Annexure P-2).

2. As per facts of the case, complainant Reena Yadav filed written complaint against her husband Ravi Kumar and other members of in-laws family with the allegations of physical and mental cruelty caused to her on account of demand of dowry. The complainant alleged that her marriage was solemnized with Ravi Kumar on 22.02.2023. Prior to this, *Ring* ceremony took place in



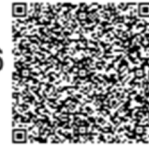
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which her parents had given gold ornaments, *shagun* and clothes to her in-laws family. Her parents had spent huge money on other functions. They had given gold and silver ornaments along with furniture and other household articles as detailed in the FIR. All her dowry articles were lying in her in-laws house. She was not permitted to use her dowry articles. She was insulted and humiliated by her in-laws family. She was being compelled to bring a car from her parents. She was physically and mentally tortured. She went to pursue MBA and her expenses were borne by her father. She started working in a private insurance company. She was not getting any assistance from her husband. She has narrated various incidents which took place in the matrimonial home. All her clothes and ornaments were misappropriated by her in-laws family. Finally, the present complaint was filed and FIR was registered.

3. Petitioners filed this petition for quashing of aforesaid FIR on the basis of compromise. Vide order dated 07.03.2025, 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, Jalandhar dated 01.05.2025. Statement of respondent No.2 has been recorded where she confirmed the compromise with petitioners. She confirmed that this compromise has been effected voluntarily and without any coercion and undue influence and she has no objection regarding quashing of FIR.

Learned counsel representing State has filed status report, which is taken on record.



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4. Petitioners- Ravi Kumar and Manju also confirmed this fact in their separate statements. Statement of ASI Jaswant 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 Ist Class, Jalandhar, 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.6,00,000/- out of which Rs.3,00,000/- were to be paid by petitioner to complainant at the time of recording of first motion statements and balance amount of Rs.3,00,000/- will be paid at the time of recording of second motion statements. 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.'



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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.0012 dated 07.03.2024, registered under Sections 406, 498-A of IPC, at Police Station Women, Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar, District Jalandhar (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom are quashed qua petitioners.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

19.05.2025.

Sunil Devi

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