



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

**CRM-M-14320-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 05.05.2025**

KULWANT SINGH AND OTHERS

...Petitioners

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Aajeshwar Singh Grewal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Rishabh Singla, AAG Punjab.

Mr. Karanbir Singh Randhawa, Advocate
for respondent No. 2.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR J. (Oral)

1. This petition has been filed for quashing of FIR No.32 dated 14.02.2025 registered under Sections 117(2), 115(2), 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short-‘BNS’), at Police Station Canal Colony Bathinda District Bathinda along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise dated 20.02.2025 (Annexure P-2) arrived at between the parties.

2. The following order was passed on 18.03.2025:

“This petition has been filed for quashing of FIR No.32 dated 14.02.2025 registered under Sections 117(2), 115(2), 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short-‘BNS’), at Police Station Canal Colony Bathinda District Bathinda along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise dated 20.02.2025 (Annexure P-2) arrived at between the parties.

Counsel for the petitioners has mentioned in memo of parties of the petition that the petitioners have not been declared as proclaimed persons.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, Sr. D.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1-State and Mr. Anmol Hayer, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.2 and has filed his Power of Attorney. The same is taken on record. He has



admitted the factum of compromise effected between the parties.

The parties and Investigating Officer are directed to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court on 04.04.2025 or any other future date as per its convenience or on request of the parties for getting their statements recorded with regard to the compromise. However, it is made clear that no further adjournment shall be granted to the parties for that purpose. The Illaqa/Duty Magistrate shall submit the report on or before the next date of hearing. The report be forwarded to this Court specifying the following:-

- 1. The number of accused arraigned in the FIR and how many have appeared before it and have made statements and whether any accused is absconding/proclaimed persons, in the case;*
- 2. the name of the complainant and injured/aggrieved and whether all of them have appeared and made their statements in support of the compromise;*
- 3. the stage of trial/proceedings pending;*
- 4. if the compromise is genuine, voluntary and out of free will of the parties.*
- 5. Whether any other criminal case pending against the accused.*

Report of Illaqa/Duty Magistrate be awaited for 05.05.2025.

The trial Court shall ensure that the complainant(s)/victim(s) is/are duly identified by the local counsel while recording his/her/their statement(s). Simultaneously photographs of the complainant(s)/victim(s) be also affixed on his/her/their statement(s) by the trial Court.”

3. In compliance of the aforesaid order, a report has been received from the concerned jurisdictional Court that the compromise between the parties is genuine and arrived at without any pressure or coercion from anyone.

4. In view of the compromise and the ratio of law laid down by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in **Narinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and another, (2014) 6 SCC 466** and **Shakuntala Sawhney (Mrs) Vs.**

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Kaushalya (Mrs.) and others (1980) 1 SCC 63 and Full Bench of this Court in **Kulwinder Singh Vs. State of Punjab 2007 (3) RCR (CrI.) 1052**, this petition is allowed and FIR No.32 dated 14.02.2025 registered under Sections 117(2), 115(2), 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short-‘BNS’), at Police Station Canal Colony Bathinda District Bathinda along with all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom are quashed, qua the petitioners.

05.05.2025
Ajay Goswami

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>