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

CRM-M-19247-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 20.05.2025

Harpreet Singh and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Amrit Pal Singh Mann, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Varinder Singh Saini, Advocate for respondent Nos.2
and 3.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 528 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS'), praying for quashing of
FIR No.0075 dated 14.09.2022 (P-1), under Sections 452, 323 read with
Section 34 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short 'IPC'), registered at Police
Station Amir Khas, District Fazilka along with all consequential proceedings
arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 17.03.2025 (P-2),
entered into between the parties i.e. petitioners as well as respondent Nos.2
and 3.

2. Allegations are that petitioners in furtherance of their common
intention trespassed into the house of complainant and inflicted injuries on
the person of complainant party.

3. Contends that matter has been amicably settled between the
parties, i.e. petitioners as well as respondent Nos.2 and 3; hence FIR in
question as well as consequential proceedings deserve to be quashed.



4. Learned counsel for respondent Nos.2 and 3 has also acknowledged the contention raised on behalf of the petitioners.

5. Still further, learned State Counsel, on instructions from the police officer present, is not averse in case the above FIR along with consequential proceedings are quashed and set aside on the basis of the compromise entered into between the parties i.e. petitioners as well as respondent Nos.2 and 3.

6. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the paper-book.

7. This Court, while issuing notice of motion on 07.04.2025, passed the following order:-

“Contends that matter has been compromised between the parties i.e. petitioner as well as respondent Nos.2 & 3.

(2) Notice of motion.

(3) Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, learned AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1/State.

(4) Mr. Varinder Singh Saini, Advocate has filed Power of Attorney on behalf of respondent Nos.2 & 3. He acknowledged the factum of compromise dated 17.03.2025 (P-2) arrived at between the parties at their own level.

(5) Requisite number of copies of the petition be supplied to learned Counsel for the respondents during the course of day.

(6) Petitioners shall file their respective affidavits that there is no other criminal case(s) pending against them and also give the details of any other FIR(s), already quashed on the basis of compromise.

(7) In view of the above, let parties appear before the Court of learned Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court on or before 30.04.2025 for recording their statement(s) with reference to the compromise, if any, entered into between them.

(8) Learned Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court shall record the statement(s) of all accused, complainant/injured and victim, if



any, and submit a report to this Court before the next date of hearing containing the following information:-

(i). Whether the statements of the parties are bona fide and not result of any pressure or coercion etc. in any manner?

(ii). Whether the compromise effected between the parties is genuine and valid?

(iii). Whether all the accused, complainant and injured are party to the compromise and if not, the details/particulars of such person(s)?

(iv). Whether any other case is pending against either of the parties or not, if yes, the details thereof?

(v). Whether any of the persons involved in this case/dispute has been declared a proclaimed offender?

(vi). Whether any of the petitioner(s) is/are previous convict or not?

(9) List before this Court on 20.05.2025 for further consideration.

(10) Meanwhile, learned State Counsel shall also get the instructions in the matter as to whether the State has any objection?

(11) Copy of this order be sent to learned Judicial Officer concerned forthwith for information and strict compliance.”

8. In terms of aforesaid order, statements of both the parties were recorded and a report dated 05.05.2025 has been received from learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Jalalabad. For reference, the operative part of report reads as under:-

“1. As per statement of SI Ravi Pal, no. 1911/FZR, PS Amir Khas, the statement of the parties are bona fide and not result of any pressure or coercion etc. in any manner.



2. *As per statement of SI Ravi Pal, no. 1911/FZR, PS Amir Khas, the compromise effected between the parties is genuine and valid.*
 3. *As per statement of SI Ravi Pal, no. 1911/FZR, PS Amir Khas, all the accused, complainant and injured are party to the compromise.*
 4. *As per statement of SI Ravi Pal, no. 1911/FZR, PS Amir Khas, there is a cross case pending against complainant Nachhatar Singh son of Gurcharan Singh and injured Jaj Singh son of Nachhatar Singh registered vide rapar No. 34 dated 13.09.2022 under Section 325,323,34 IPC in the present FIR No. 75 dated 14.09.2022, registered at the police station Amir Khas, under Sections 452,323,34 IPC.*
 5. *Further as per the statement of SI Ravi Pal, no. 1911/FZR, PS Amir Khas, none of the accused is declared as proclaimed offender in the aforesaid FIR.*
 6. *As per the statement of SI Ravi Pal, no. 1911/FZR, PS Amir Khas, none of the petitioner is a previous convict.”*
9. Hon’ble the Supreme Court in **Gian Singh v. State of Punjab, (2012) 10 SCC 303**, has held as under:-

“61. The position that emerges from the above discussion can be summarised thus : the power of the High Court in quashing a criminal proceeding or FIR or complaint in exercise of its inherent jurisdiction is distinct and different from the power given to a criminal court for compounding the offences under Section 320 of the Code. Inherent power is of wide plenitude with no statutory limitation but it has to be exercised in accord with the guideline engrafted in such power viz. : (i) to secure the ends of justice, or (ii) to prevent abuse of the process of any court. In what cases power to quash the criminal proceeding or complaint or FIR may be exercised where the offender and the victim have settled their dispute would depend on the facts and circumstances of each case and no category can be prescribed.



However, before exercise of such power, the High Court must have due regard to the nature and gravity of the crime. Heinous and serious offences of mental depravity or offences like murder, rape, dacoity, etc. cannot be fittingly quashed even though the victim or victim's family and the offender have settled the dispute. Such offences are not private in nature and have a serious impact on society. Similarly, any compromise between the victim and the offender in relation to the offences under special statutes like the Prevention of Corruption Act or the offences committed by public servants while working in that capacity, etc.; cannot provide for any basis for quashing criminal proceedings involving such offences. But the criminal cases having overwhelmingly and predominatingly civil flavour stand on a different footing for the purposes of quashing, particularly the offences arising from commercial, financial, mercantile, civil, partnership or such like transactions or the offences arising out of matrimony relating to dowry, etc. or the family disputes where the wrong is basically private or personal in nature and the parties have resolved their entire dispute. In this category of cases, the High Court may quash the criminal proceedings if in its view, because of the compromise between the offender and the victim, the possibility of conviction is remote and bleak and continuation of the criminal case would put the accused to great oppression and prejudice and extreme injustice would be caused to him by not quashing the criminal case despite full and complete settlement and compromise with the victim. In other words, the High Court must consider whether it would be unfair or contrary to the interest of justice to continue with the criminal proceeding or continuation of the criminal proceeding would tantamount to abuse of process of law despite settlement and compromise between the victim and the wrongdoer and whether to secure the ends of justice, it is appropriate that the criminal case is put to an end and if the answer to the above question(s) is in the



affirmative, the High Court shall be well within its jurisdiction to quash the criminal proceeding.”

10. In view of above discussion, this Court is fully convinced that the offence is entirely personal in nature and does not involve public peace or tranquility. Thus, quashing of the FIR in question along with consequential proceedings, on the basis of compromise would bring peace and harmony to secure the ends of justice.

11. Consequently, present petition is allowed; aforesaid FIR along with all consequential proceedings resulting therefrom are quashed *qua* the petitioners.

Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

20.05.2025

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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No