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

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Date of Decision: 13.08.2025

RAM LAL AND OTHERS

... PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA PARTAP SINGH

Present: Mr. Jimmy Singla, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. K.D. Sachdeva, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Divyanshu Goel, Advocate
for respondent no. 2.**SURYA PARTAP SINGH, J. (ORAL)**

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for quashing of FIR No.34 dated 13.04.2019, under Sections 420 and 120-B of Indian Penal Code (hereinafter referred to as 'IPC') registered at Police Station Bareta, District Mansa (Annexure P-1) and all other consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 02.04.2025 (Annexure P-2).

2. Heard learned counsel for the parties. Case file has also been perused carefully.

3. This Court while issuing notice of motion vide order dated 22.04.2025, directed the parties to appear before the trial Court/Illaq



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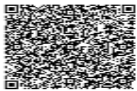
Magistrate for recording their statements with regard to the compromise.

4. Pursuant to the aforesaid order, report dated 29.07.2025 has been received from the Court of learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Budhlada. A perusal of the said report reveals that statements of the concerned persons have been recorded in the present case, who have stated that the matter has been settled between them and they have no objection in case the FIR in question is quashed. As per report the compromise effected between them is genuine, and without any undue influence and coercion.

5. The Full Bench of this Court in ***Kulwinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab, 2007 (3) RCR (Criminal) 1052***, held that the High Court has the power under Section 482 Cr.P.C. to allow the compounding of non-compoundable offence(s) and quash the proceedings, where the High Court is of the view that the same was required to prevent the abuse of the process of law or otherwise to secure the ends of justice. This power of quashing is not confined to matrimonial disputes alone.

6. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the case of ***Gian Singh vs. State of Punjab and another, 2012(4) RCR (Criminal) 543***, had observed that in order to secure the ends of justice or to prevent the abuse of process of Court, inherent power can be used by this Court to quash criminal proceedings in which a compromise has been effected. The relevant portion of para 57 of the said judgment reads thus:-

“57. 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



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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.

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7. In view of the afore-referred judgments and after perusing the report of the trial Court regarding amicable settlement between the petitioners and respondent No.2, this Court finds that quashing of FIR will accord a quietus to all disputes between the parties and it is in the interest of both sides to bury the hatchet and lead a peaceful life. Since, no useful purpose would be served in continuing the proceedings and conclusion of instant trial is necessary to secure the ends of justice, in my opinion, the criminal proceedings in the present case deserve to be quashed.

8. Resultantly, the present petition is allowed and the FIR No.34 dated 13.04.2019, under Sections 420 and 120-B of Indian Penal Code (hereinafter referred to as ‘IPC’) registered at Police Station Police Station Bareta, District Mansa (Annexure P-1) and all other consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed on the basis of compromise dated 02.04.2025 (Annexure P-2).

9. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

(SURYA PARTAP SINGH)
JUDGE

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