



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-28303-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 23.09.2025

DEVINDER SINGH

...PETITIONER

V/s

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Simran Jit Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gaurav Gurcharan S. Rai, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Ms. Priyanka Sharma, Advocate for respondent No.2.

SUMEET GOEL, J.

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023 for quashing of FIR No.121 dated 19.08.2023 under Sections 387, 506 of IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Raikot, District Ludhiana Rural and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 20.02.2025 (Annexure P-2), which is stated to have been effected between the parties.

2 On 27.05.2025, the following order was passed:

“Contends, inter alia, that matter has been compromised between the parties i.e. petitioner as well as respondent No.2.

(2) Notice of motion.

(3) Ms. Manjot Kaur, learned AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1.

(4) Mr. D.S. Nigha, Advocate has filed power of attorney on behalf of respondent No.2. The same is taken on record. He acknowledged the factum of compromise (P-2) arrived at between the parties i.e. petitioner as well as respondent No. 2.

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



(6) *Petitioner shall file his affidavit that there is no other criminal case(s) pending against him 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 01.07.2025 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 06.08.2025 for further consideration.*

(10) *Meanwhile, learned State Counsel shall also get the instructions in the matter as to whether the State has any objection? She will also get instructions about the pendency of the case(s) against the petitioner.*

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

3. Pursuant to the aforesaid order, report dated 22.08.2025 from Judicial Magistrate, Ist Class, Jagraon, has been received, which is taken on record. As per the report, the Trial Court has recorded as follows:-

“(i and ii) It is submitted that as per the statements of the complainant and accused persons, the compromise appears to be genuine, voluntarily and without any coercion or undue influence. It is submitted that there is one accused person namely Devinder Singh, who are arrayed as accused In the present FIR.

(iii) Complainant/accused has not placed on record any compromise deed. So, it could not be ascertained whether all



the accused and complainant/victims are party to compromise and signed the same.

(iv) It is submitted that as per the statement of IO there are other FIRS against accused. (v) It is submitted that no person involved in present case has been declared as proclaimed offender at any stage of the case as per the statement of IO.

(vi) As per statement of IO, accused Devinder Singh son of Satpal Singh is convicted by Court in FIR no. 39 dated 04.04.2011 u/S 25 Arms Act, 307, 323 and 34 of IPC PS Fatehgarh Sahib.”

4. Learned counsel for respondent No.2 admits the factum of parties having compromised and states that she has no objection in case the FIR and all proceedings subsequent thereto against the petitioner are quashed.

5. Similarly, learned State counsel has stated no objection in case the FIR is quashed based upon the compromise (Annexure P-2).

6. I have heard learned Counsel for the parties and have carefully gone through the records of the case.

7. This Court and the Hon'ble Apex Court has repeatedly dealt with the issue of exercise of jurisdiction under Section 482 of the Code to quash proceeding in non-compoundable offences in the cases of ***Gian Singh vs. State of Punjab and another, 2012(10) SCC 303, Kulwinder Singh & others vs. State of Punjab & another, 2007 (3) RCR (Criminal) 1052 and Ram Gopal and another vs. State of Madhya Pradesh, 2021(4) R.C.R. (Criminal) 322 (Criminal Appeal No.1489 of 2012 decided on 29th of September, 2021)***. The proposition of law that emerges from the aforesaid decisions rendered by the Hon'ble Apex Court and this Court is :

(a) *Power u/s 482 Cr.P.C. vested with this Court is much wider and is unaffected by Section 320 of the Code.*

(b) *However, wider the power greater the caution.*



- (c) *The underlining principle while exercising such power is that it can be invoked to quash the proceedings recognizing compromise between the parties in the matters which are overwhelmingly and predominantly of civil character like commercial transactions or arising out of matrimonial relationship or family disputes.*
- (d) *The said power is not to be exercised in the prosecutions involving heinous and serious offences of mental depravity or offences like murder, rape, dacoity etc. as such offences are not private in nature and have a serious impact on society.*
- (e) *Section 482 Cr.P.C. casts duty upon the High Court to advance interest of justice as well. It is in recognition of this duty casted upon the High Court, that Apex Court held that the High Court would not refuse to quash FIR under Section 307 merely because FIR finds mention thereof. High Court can assess nature of injuries sustained, whether such injuries inflicted on vital/delicate parts of the body/nature of weapons used etc.*
- (f) *Such exercise at the hands of High Court would be permissible only after the evidence is collected after investigation and chargesheet is filed/charges framed during the trial. Such exercise cannot be carried out while the matter is still under investigation.*
- (g) *While quashing FIR in non-compoundable offences even which are of private in nature, High Court is required to consider antecedents of the accused, conduct of the accused and whether he was absconding or whether he has managed the complainant to enter into a compromise.*

The statutory provision of Section 528 of BNSS, 2023 is same as the statutory provision of Section 482 of Cr.P.C., 1973. Therefore, the above said principles of law would apply to a petition under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023 as well.

8. Thus, keeping in view the aforesaid facts and circumstances, this Court is of the considered opinion that it is a fit case to exercise jurisdiction vested u/s 528 of BNSS, 2023 to quash the FIR as :-



- (i) *Putting a quietus to the proceedings will bring peace and tranquility amongst parties & will accordingly further the cause of substantial justice.*
- (ii) *The offences alleged are primarily of private nature.*
- (iii) *The parties have compromised.*
- (iv) *As per the report received the compromise is said to be voluntary in its nature.*
- (v) *Complainant/victim is reported to have entered into compromise on his own volition*

9. Consequently, the petition is allowed. FIR No.121 dated 19.08.2023 under Sections 387, 506 of IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Raikot, District Ludhiana Rural and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 20.02.2025 (Annexure P-2), are, hereby, quashed qua the petitioner.

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

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

23.09.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No