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

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Date of decision : 06.08.2025

Manpreet Singh @ Manpreet Singh Bathla

..... Petitioner

V/S

State of Punjab and Ors.

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. Tanvir Singh Attariwala, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, Assistant A.G., Punjab.

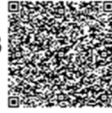
Mr. Arun Gupta, Advocate for

Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Advocate for respondents No.2 & 3.

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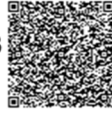
1. Petitioner – Manpreet Singh @ Manpreet Singh Bathla has filed this petition under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for quashing of FIR No.59 dated 30.07.2024, registered under Sections 498-A, 406 of IPC 1860 at Police Station Women, District Patiala (Annexure P-1) and all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, qua the petitioner, in light of the compromise effected between the parties dated 03.05.2025 (Annexure P-2).

2. As per facts of the case, complainant/respondent No.2 Harpreet Singh had filed a complaint against Manpreet Singh @ Manpreet Singh Bathla and other members of in-laws family of his daughter Anant Simran Kaur respondent No.3 with the allegations that marriage of his daughter Anant Simran Kaur was solemnized with Manpreet Singh @ Manpreet Singh Bathla on 11.12.2022. It was stated that the family had no demand of dowry. The marriage



was performed at Green Farm House, Sirhind Road, Patiala. He was told that since, family of groom was wealthy and was holding high position, therefore marriage should be performed with great pomp and show. He had spent Rs.50,00,000/- on marriage as per their demand. After few days of marriage, a *Pandit* was called to conduct a *havan* and his daughter was forced to take rounds anticlockwise around the said holy fire. His daughter realized that her in-laws family believed in superstitions. During this period, his daughter conceived and one day her health deteriorated and she was administered some liquid dose. She suffered a miscarriage and had to undergo mental trauma. The accused No.1 wanted Permanent Residency (PR) in Canada through his wife and he did not want to have a child. After sometime, the daughter of complainant got the PR of Canada and she left for Canada on 17.02.2023. Accused No.1 also reached Canada on spouse visa. Thereafter, the behaviour of her husband changed altogether. The dispute started between the couple and in-laws family of his daughter. The complainant has narrated incidents which took place with his daughter during her stay in Canada. The daughter of complainant came back to India. She was upset and was in bad condition. She took treatment from Neuro Hospital, Nabha Road, Patiala. Her husband raised demand of Rs.40,00,000/- in case she wanted to live in the matrimonial home. They have ruined the life of his daughter. Finally, the matter was reported to the police and present FIR was registered.

3. Petitioner filed this petition for quashing of aforesaid FIR on the basis of compromise. Vide order dated 23.05.2025, petitioner and respondents No.2 & 3 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, Patiala dated 11.06.2025. Statements of respondent No.2 (in person) and respondent No.3 (through V.C.) have been recorded where they confirmed the compromise with petitioner. They confirmed that this compromise has been effected voluntarily, without any coercion or undue influence and They have no objection regarding quashing of FIR.

4. Petitioner- Manpreet Singh @ Manpreet Singh Bathla also confirmed this fact in his statement. Statement of HC Rahul Kumar is also recorded who confirmed that petitioner is not involved or declared as proclaimed offender in any other criminal case.

5. Therefore, from the report of Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Patiala it is clear that the compromise has been effected between the parties without any pressure, coercion or undue influence, which is acceptable to both the parties. They have mutually settled all their claims arisen from matrimonial dispute. They have filed joint petition under Section 13-B of Hindu Marriage Act. Thereafter, they will be able to live independently in peace and harmony. It will end the litigation started between them.

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 petitioner is accepted and FIR No.59 dated 30.07.2024, registered under Sections 498-A, 406 of IPC 1860 at Police Station Women, District Patiala (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arisen therefrom are quashed qua petitioner.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

06.08.2025.*Sunil Devi*

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