

**CRM-M-46546-2025****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

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Date of Decision:-16.09.2025

Harinderpreet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. Rythem Bajaj, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Japjot Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Neha Randhawa, Advocate for respondent No. 2.

ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. The instant petition has been filed seeking quashing of **FIR No.86** dated **22.05.2019** under **Section 498-A** of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Women Cell, District Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana, (Annexure P-1), and all other subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 24.07.2025 (Annexure P-3).

2. Keeping in view the fact that the parties entered into a compromise, this Court vide order dated 29.08.2025 directed the parties to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court for getting their statements recorded in that regard. Pursuant thereto, a report dated 11.09.2025 has been received from the Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Ludhiana, stating that the compromise arrived at between the parties is voluntary and the same is without any pressure, coercion or undue influence.

3. Learned State Counsel and learned counsel for respondent No. 2 admit the factum of compromise and submit that they have no objection to quashing of the FIR on that basis.



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4. Perusal of the aforesaid report establishes that the parties have amicably settled their dispute, and continuance of criminal proceedings in such a situation will be an exercise in futility, as the chances of ultimate conviction are bleak. The power under Section 482 Cr.P.C. can be exercised in such matters. It has been held by Supreme Court of India in cases ***Gian Singh v. State of Punjab and another* 2012(10) SCC 303** and ***Narinder Singh and others v. State of Punjab and another* 2014(6) SCC 406** that criminal cases having overwhelmingly civil character, particularly those arising out of commercial transactions or matrimonial relationships or family disputes, should be quashed when the parties have resolved their disputes among themselves in a *bona fide* manner.

5. Consequently, this petition is allowed. **FIR No.86** dated **22.05.2019** under **Section 498-A** of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Women Cell, District Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana, (Annexure P-1), and all other subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed *qua* the petitioner, subject to payment of cost of Rs. 50,000/- to be deposited by the petitioner and Rs. 50,000/- to be deposited by respondent No.2 within one month from today in the following account:

Punjab State Legal Services Authority Disaster Relief Fund.

Account No. 44426937384

IFSC SBIN0014656

Bank Name - State Bank of India, Sector 68, SAS Nagar.

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

September 16, 2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:-

Yes/No