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

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Date of decision : 29.07.2025

Kuldeep Kaur and Ors.

..... Petitioners

V/S

State of Punjab and Anr.

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. Dinesh Trehan, Advocate for petitioners (through V.C.).

Ms. Amrit Kaur Mahir, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Hitesh Verma, Advocate (through V.C.) and
Ms. Rajvinder Kaur, Advocate for respondent No.2.

AMARJOT BHATTI J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioners - Kuldeep Kaur, Paramjit Singh and Arshdeep Singh have filed this petition under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for quashing of FIR No.10 dated 21.08.2024, registered under Sections 498-A, 406 of IPC 1860, at Police Station Women, District Bathinda (Annexure P-1) and all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, qua petitioners, in the light of compromise effected between the parties dated 17.09.2024 (Annexure P-2).

2. As per facts of the case, complainant/respondent No.2 Harpreet Kaur filed written complaint against her husband Arshdeep Singh and other members of in-laws' family leveling allegations of harassment and beating for bringing less dowry. She alleged that her engagement ceremony took place on 15.01.2024 and the marriage ceremony took place on 21.01.2024. Her parents had spent huge money on her marriage. They had given gold, huge *shagun* to

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her husband and other members of in-laws' family. They had spent about Rs.45/50 Lacs on her marriage. Her husband was citizen of Canada. After few days of marriage, there was demand of Rs.10 Lacs in case she wanted to go abroad. Her father was not in a position to give this huge amount. Her husband went to Canada without telling her. She started living with her in-laws. They were pressurizing to bring Rs.10 Lacs from her parents. She was illtreated and even beaten up. Finally, the matter was reported to the police and present FIR has been registered.

3. Petitioners filed this petition for quashing of aforesaid FIR on the basis of compromise. Vide order dated 15.05.2025, petitioners and respondent No.2 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, Bathinda dated 12.06.2025. Statement of respondent No.2 has been recorded where she confirmed the compromise with petitioners. She confirmed that this compromise has been effected voluntarily, without any coercion or undue influence and she has no objection regarding quashing of FIR.

4. Petitioners- Kuldeep Kaur and Paramjit Singh in their joint statement and petitioner - Arshdeep Singh in his separate statement have also confirmed this fact. Statement of ASI Baljit Singh is also recorded who confirmed that petitioners are not involved or declared as proclaimed offenders in any other criminal case.

5. Therefore, from the report of Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Bathinda it is clear that the compromise has been effected between the parties without any



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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 decided to part ways by filing joint petition under Section 13-B of Hindu Marriage Act. Matter has been settled in Rs.30,00,000/- Thereafter, they will be able to live independently in peace and harmony. It will end the litigation started between the parties.

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.’

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 petitioners is accepted and FIR No.10 dated 21.08.2024, registered under Sections 498-A, 406 of IPC 1860, at Police Station Women, District Bathinda (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arisen therefrom are quashed qua petitioners.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

29.07.2025.

Sunil Devi

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