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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-49937-2025

Date of decision: November 13, 2025

PALWINDER SINGH AND OTHERS

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. Gursharanjit Singh Chanota, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Satjot Singh Chahal, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Sunil Agnihotri, Advocate
for respondent no.2/complainant.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 528 Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking quashing of DDR no.46 dated
18.07.2024, registered under Sections 148, 149, 323, 336, 452 and 506 of IPC
and Section 30 of Arms Act at Police Station Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur,
Annexure P-2, and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, in view of
the compromise, dated 26.02.2025, Annexure P-5, entered into between the
petitioners and the complainant to settle their disputes in question.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners
and the complainant have settled their disputes by way of compromise dated
26.02.2025.



3. As the parties entered into a compromise to resolve their disputes which led to registration of the criminal case, they were directed to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court for getting their statements recorded in that regard, vide order dated 15.09.2025. Pursuant thereto, a report, dated 12.11.2025, has been received from learned Sub Judicial Magistrate, Dasuya, at Flag 'A', stating that the compromise arrived at between the parties is without any pressure, coercion or undue influence. There is no criminal case pending against the petitioners, nor have they been declared proclaimed person(s).

4. Learned State counsel and learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent no.2/complainant admit the factum of compromise, and submit that they have no objection to quashing of the DDR on that basis.

5. It has been held by the Supreme Court of India in cases *Gian Singh v. State of Punjab and another*, 2012(10) SCC 303 and *State of Madhya Pradesh v. Laxmi Narayan and others*, (2019) 5 SCC 688, 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 by entering into a compromise.

6. Further, reference can also be made to Full Bench judgment of this Court in *Kulwinder Singh and others v. State of Punjab and another*, 2007(3) RCR (Criminal) 1052, holding that on the parties settling their disputes by way of a compromise, the High Court in exercise of power under Section 482 Cr.P.C. can allow the compounding of non-compoundable offences also, and quash the criminal proceedings to prevent abuse of the process of law or



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otherwise to secure the ends of justice. The power is not confined to matrimonial disputes alone.

7. A perusal of the allegations in the DDR as well as the aforesaid report establishes that the present case is of predominantly private nature and falls in the category of cases that can be quashed by the High Court in exercise of its inherent jurisdiction under Section 482 Cr.P.C., as per law laid down in the aforementioned judgments. The petitioners have no criminal antecedents. The offences alleged are not heinous in nature and cannot be termed as crime against the society; nor do they show mental depravity of the petitioners. Since disputes between the parties have been amicably resolved by way of the compromise, continuation of criminal proceedings will be an exercise in futility as chances of ultimate conviction are not there, and it will hamper their peaceful coexistence even after resolution of disputes.

8. Consequently, this petition is allowed. DDR no.46 dated 18.07.2024, registered under Sections 148, 149, 323, 336, 452 and 506 of IPC and Section 30 of Arms Act at Police Station Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur, and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom are hereby quashed *qua* the petitioners.

November 13, 2025

Jaspreet Kaur

**(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*