IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH AT SHIMLA

Cr.MMO No. 949 of 2026
Decided on 20th November, 2026

Ankuj Chabra & Ors. **…Petitioners**

Versus

State of HP & Anr. **…..Respondents**

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Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chirag Bhanu Singh, Judge.
[1]Whether approved for reporting?

For the petitioners	**:**	**Ms. Ranjeeta Meghta, Advocate.**
For respondent No.1-State	**:**	**Mr. Rajpal Thakur, Additional Advocate General.**
For respondent No.2	**:**	**Ms. Megha, Advocate.**

Chirag Bhanu Singh, Judge (Oral)

The petitioners has invoked the inherent powers of this Court under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (hereinafter referred to as the 'BNSS'), seeking the quashing of FIR No.75 of 2021, dated 18.06.2021, registered under the provisions of Section 147, 149, 323 & 506 of the Indian Penal Code (in short "IPC") registered at Police Station Majra (Paonta), District Sirmaur, H.P., in pursuance to a

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[1]Whether reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgment? Yes

compromise having been effected ***inter se*** the parties.

2. The long and short of the case set up by the petitioners is that during the pendency of the proceedings before the learned trial Court, the parties have compromised the lis. The dispute, in fact, primarily pertained to a parcel of land adjacent to the premises, where the parties reside. Because of the said dispute, the aforesaid FIR had come to be registered by the complainant (Respondent No. 2) under some misconception and misunderstanding of law.

3. Eventually, now the land dispute has also been resolved. The complainant has transferred the parcel of land in the name of the accuseds/petitioners and the petitioners have paid the entire consideration amount so agreed between them. In view of the same the present dispute has also been compromised by the parties. The Compromise Deed (Annexure P-1) has been placed on record.

4. Today, both the petitioners and the Complainant No.2 are present in person. One of the petitioners-Ankuj Chabra has in no uncertain terms deposed that the dispute in

fact pertained to the land, the same having been resolved, the parties have buried the hatchet once and for all. He has also paid the consideration thereof and as such the complainant does not intend to prosecute the criminal case any further. The main bone of contention having been resolved between the parties, so is the statement of the complainant-Anwar Ali, which has also been recorded and placed on the file.

5. It is thus more than apparent that the compromise has been effected in the aforesaid terms and that too voluntarily and without any coercion from any quarter. The parties otherwise have also vouched for the same, today in the Court too.

6. It is by now well settled that apart from quashing compoundable offences, this Court indeed has sufficient powers to even quash proceedings involving non-compoundable offences.

7. In view of the compromise so entered ***interse*** the parties, while exercising the inherent powers of this Court under Section 528 of Cr.P.C., this Court can indeed quash the

proceedings though having due regard to the nature and gravity of the crime and its impact on the society at large. Generally, heinous offenses of mental depravity, murder, rape, dacoity etc. may not come within the purview of the same, but offenses arising from commercial, financial, mercantile and civil partnership, matrimonial or family disputes, where the wrong is basically private or personal in nature may be given a quietus, excising such powers.

8. The quashing of proceedings though must still not tantamount to the abuse of the process of law. The aforesaid proposition already stands answered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in no uncertain terms in ***Gian Singh Vs. State of Punjab & Anr. (2012) 10 SCC 303.***

9. Since the dispute has been settled by the parties voluntarily and separate statement in this behalf already stand recorded and placed on the file. It would indeed be in the interest of justice and fair play that the criminal proceedings are put to an end, more so, keeping in view the burgeoning pendency of cases. The unwanted cases can be given a

quietus enabling the Courts to give due weightage and time to the deserving cases on its docket.

10. Seeing to the nature of allegations and gravity of the offence mentioned in the FIR, this Court will be well within its jurisdiction to quash the criminal proceedings against the accused and it is ordered accordingly.

11. As a squeal of the FIR No.75 of 2021, dated 18.06.2021, registered for the commission of offence punishable under Sections 147, 149, 323 and 506 of IPC at Police Station Majra (Paonta), District Sirmaur, H.P. and all the consequential proceedings arising out of the said FIR, pending before the learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Paonta Sahib, District Sirmaur, H.P., are quashed and set aside. Ordered accordingly.

12. Accordingly, the petition is disposed off, so also the pending application(s),if any.

(Chirag Bhanu Singh)
Judge

20.11.2026
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