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IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

Cr. MMO No. 771 of 2026

Reserved on: 26.10.2026

Date of Decision: 05.11.2026.

Karam Chand @ Manohar & ors. .... Petitioners

Versus

State of HP .... Respondents

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Hon'ble Mr Justice Rakesh Kainthla, Judge.

Whether approved for reporting?[1] ***No.***

For the Petitioners	:	Mr Sanjeev Suri, Advocate.
For Respondent No.1-State	:	Mr Ajit Sharma, Deputy Advocate General.
For Respondent No.2	:	Ms Manisha Thampta, Advocate, vice Ms Abhilasha Kaundal, Advocate.

Rakesh Kainthla, Judge

The petitioners have filed the present petition for quashing of FIR No. 26 of 2024, dated 06.04.2024, registered at Police Station Tahliwal, District Una, H.P. for the commission of

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

an offence punishable under Section 498A read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), and the consequential proceedings arising out of it, based on a compromise entered into between the parties.

2. It has been asserted that the matter was reported to the police because of some misunderstanding between the parties. The parties have settled the dispute, and the informant does not want to proceed further with the matter after the compromise. Hence, the petition.

3. The statement of the informant, Meera, was recorded on 07.09.2026, in which she stated that she had entered into a compromise with the accused voluntarily, without any influence from any person, and she does not want to proceed further with the matter after the compromise. She had no objection to quashing the FIR based on the compromise between the parties.

4. Heard.

5. The offence punishable under Section 498A arises out of a matrimonial dispute and an FIR registered for the commission of the aforesaid offense can be quashed based on a

compromise between the parties, as per ***Gian Singh versus State, 2012 (10) SCC 303***, ***Narender versus State of Punjab, 2014 (16) SCC 466, Vikas Singh vs. State of H.P. (2023) I DMC 335 (HP)*** and ***Sanjay Kumar vs. State of H.P2023 (1) Him L.R. 602***, which are binding upon this Court.

6. In view of these binding precedents, the present petition is allowed, and FIR No. 26 of 2024, dated 06.04.2024, registered at Police Station Tahliwal, District Una, H.P. for the commission of an offence punishable under Sections 498A read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) is ordered to be quashed. Consequent upon the quashing of the FIR, criminal proceedings pending/initiated against the petitioners-accused in pursuance thereto are also ordered to be quashed.

7. Petition stands disposed of in the above terms, so also pending miscellaneous applications, if any.

8. Parties are permitted to produce a copy of this judgment, downloaded from the webpage of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh, before the authorities concerned, and the said authorities shall not insist on the production of a certified

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copy, but if required, may verify passing of the order from the Website of the High Court.

(Rakesh Kainthla)
Judge

5th November, 2026
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