IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

Cr. MMO No. 947 of 2026

Reserved on: 06.11.2026

Date of Decision: 20.11.2026.

Chaman Lal and Anr .... Petitioners

Versus

State of HP & Anr. .... Respondents

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Hon'ble Mr Justice Rakesh Kainthla, Judge.

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

For the Petitioners	:	Mr. Ram Kumar, Advocate, vice Mr. Munish Datwalia, Advocate.
For Respondent No.1-State	:	Mr Tarun Pathak, Deputy Advocate General.
For Respondent No.2	:	Mr Ravi Shandil, Advocate; vice Mr Rakesh Kumar, Advocate

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Rakesh Kainthla, Judge

The petitioners have filed the present petition for quashing of FIR No. 274 of 2014, dated 20.12.2014, registered at Police Station Sadar, District Bilaspur, H.P., for the commission of offences punishable under Sections 354, 506 and 509 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and consequential proceedings arising

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

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out of the said FIR based on a compromise effected between the parties.

2. It has been asserted that the police substituted the offence punishable under section 354 of the IPC with an offence punishable under section 354D of the IPC after the investigation. The parties have settled the matter with the intervention of the respectable persons of the society. No fruitful purpose would be served by continuing with the present proceedings. Hence, the petition.

3. The statement of the informant/victim was recorded on 22.9.2026, in which she stated that she had entered into a compromise with the petitioner/accused voluntarily without any influence from any person, and she had no objection to quashing the FIR as per the compromise.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the records carefully.

5. The offences punishable under Sections 506 and 509 of the IPC are compoundable under Section 320 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC). This Court has quashed the FIR registered for the commission of offences punishable under

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Sections 354 and 354A of the IPC in ***Vidya Devi Vs. State of HP and others, 2022 STPL 13724 HP, Ameen Vs. State of HP and others, 2022 STPL 13743 HP, Raj Kumar Vs. State of HP and others 2022(2) Him. L.R. 1150, Mukesh Kumar and others Vs. State of HP and others 2022 STPL 9742 HP*** and ***Sunil Kumar Vs. State of HP and others 2022(1) Him. L.R. 280.*** This Court also quashed the FIR registered for the commission of an offence punishable under Section 354D of the IPC in ***Raj Kumar vs State of HP, 2022(2) Him. L.R. 1150, Navneet Mehta vs. State of HP. 2022(1) Him. L.R. 444, Anil Sharma vs. State of HP, 2020 (4) Shim. LC 1899*** and ***Kushal Kumar vs. State of HP. 2020 STPL 5621 HP.*** These judgments are binding on this Court.

6. In view of these binding precedents, the present petition is allowed and the FIR No. 274 of 2014, dated 20.12.2014, registered at Police Station Sadar, District Bilaspur, H.P., for the commission of offences punishable under Sections 354, 506 and 509 of the IPC and consequential proceedings pending/initiated against the petitioners-accused in pursuance thereof are also ordered to be quashed.

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

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

(Rakesh Kainthla)
Judge

20th November, 2026
(Chander)