



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

254(2)

CRM-M-3428-2026 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 28.04.2026

BUTA SINGH AND OTHERS**...Petitioners**

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER**...Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL**

Present: Mr. Kuldeep Singh Ahluwalia, Advocate,
Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, Advocate and
Mr. Deepak Kumar, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Akash Yadav, AAG Punjab.

Mr. Pankaj Garg, Advocate
for respondent No. 2. (through video conferencing)

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL, J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioners seek quashing of private complaint no. COMI-22-2023 dated 28.02.2023 under Sections 307, 365, 323, 324, 325, 326, 148, 149 Indian Penal Code filed before learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Barnala, summoning order dated 03.06.2024 and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise.
2. On 24.03.2026 this Court directed the parties to appear before the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate for recording of their statements with regard to compromise.
3. In compliance of the order dated 24.03.2026, parties appeared before learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Barnala on 30.03.2026. Statement



of the Investigating Officer, ASI Mohinder Singh No. 377/BL posted at P.S. Sehna was recorded on 08.04.2026. Learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Barnala has submitted his report recording satisfaction that all the parties have entered into a valid compromise without any influence or coercion. Relevant portion of the report is reproduced as under:

“1. The complainant had filed complaint under section 307,365,323,324,325,326, 148 and 149 of IPC against total 5 accused persons and all of accused were summoned on 03.06.2024.

2. Accused persons namely Buta Singh, Sattu @ Kuldeep Singh, Ramandeep Kaur, Labhi @ Lovepreet Singh and Bawa Singh @ Babu Singh have been appeared before the court and made their statement separately.

3. No accused is added or reduced in summoning order and all the accused summoned are made party before Hon'ble High Court.

4. As per the statement of the police officer, none of accused persons is not absconding or declared proclaimed person in any other case.

5. No offence has been added or deleted in the summoning order dated 03.06.2024.

6. No investigation/inquiry is ordered under Section 202 of Cr.P.C, as such none of accused is declared innocent or recommended to be added during police inquiry.



7. *There is only 1 complainant/victim(s) namely Harjeet Singh @ Moni in this case.*

8. *The only victim/complainant had appeared and got recorded his statement separately.*

9. *No inquiry was marked to police as such no investigation was conducted, the statement of police official is recorded to know the antecedents of accused.*

10. *The complaint is pending for securing presence of accused persons.*

11. *The statements of the parties appears to be voluntary and without any coercion or undue influence and the compromise effected between the parties appears to be genuine, valid and voluntary.*

12. *As per the statement of police officer, Harjeet Singh @ Moni son of Maghar Singh and accused person namely Buta Singh, Sattu @ Kuldeep Singh, Ramandeep Kaur, Labhi @ Lovepreet Singh and Bawa Singh @ Babu Singh, the petitioners are not involved in any other case.”*

4. Learned State counsel and learned counsel for respondent No. 2 have not raised any dispute regarding the factum of compromise. Since the matter has been amicably resolved, continuation of the criminal proceedings would be an exercise in futility. Following principles of law laid down by the Full Bench Judgment of this Court in **“Kulwinder Singh and others Vs. State of Punjab and another” 2007(3) RCR (Criminal) 1052** and Hon’ble Supreme



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Court in “*Gian Singh Versus State of Punjab and others*” (2012) 10 SCC 303, the petition is allowed.

5. COMI-22-2023 dated 28.02.2023 under Sections 307, 365, 323, 324, 325, 326, 148, 149 Indian Penal Code filed before learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Barnala, summoning order dated 03.06.2024 along with all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, is quashed qua the petitioners.

APRIL 28, 2026

Ajay Goswami

**(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No