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

**CRM-M-8345-2026 (O&M)
Date of decision: 29.04.2026**

JAGMEET SINGH**...PETITIONER****VERSUS****STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER****...RESPONDENTS****CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL**

Present: Mr. J.S. Bhandohal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Akash Yadav, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Manveer Kaur, Advocate
for respondent No. 2.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J.

1. Petitioner seeks quashing of FIR No. 0097 dated 02.04.2023 under Sections 376, 506 Indian Penal Code, Police Station Dera Bassi, District SAS Nagar and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise dated 27.03.2025. This is the third petition seeking quashing of FIR.

2. Complainant 'H' stated that she had studied up-to 9th class. She left the school in 2015 and had been doing household work with her mother. When she went to the fields with her mother to get fodder, on the way, Jagmeet Singh used to harass her, but she did not disclose the matter to her parents out of shame. He compelled her to make illicit relations and when she refused, he threatened and compelled her to solemnize marriage with him. On 28.03.2023, at about, 12:00/1:00 AM, he came to her house, when all her family members were sleeping, woke her up, threatened and

compelled her to go with him. Out of fear, she accompanied him. Thereafter, he parked his pickup vehicle outside the village and took her to an unknown place where he made forcible physical relations with her for three days threatening her and under promise of marriage. Then, he left her near her house on 31.03.2023 at 2:00/3:00 A.M.. She narrated the incident to her parents and brother. Her brother got her admitted in Civil Hospital Dera Bassi on 01.04.2023, where she was treated.

3. On 27.03.2026, this Court directed the parties to appear before learned trial Court/Illaq Magistrate for recording of their statements on the basis of compromise.

4. In compliance of the aforesaid order, parties appeared before learned Additional Sessions Judge, Fast Track Special Court, SAS Nagar on 06.04.2026. Statement of Investigating Officer ASI Dilbagh Singh No. 1763/SAS Nagar, Police Station Dera Bassi was recorded on 10.04.2026. Learned Additional Sessions Judge, Fast Track Special Court, SAS Nagar has submitted his report recording satisfaction that all the parties have entered into a valid compromise without any influence or coercion. Point-wise report as under has been submitted:

“1. As per the statements of the parties and Investigation Officer, one accused has been arraigned in the FIR.

2. The accused Jagmeet Singh has appeared before this Court and has made statement.

3. As per the statement of the Investigation Officer, no additional accused has been added.

4. As per the statement of the Investigation Officer, no accused is an absconder/proclaimed person.

5. As per the statement of the Investigation Officer, after the registration of the FIR, no offence was added or deleted during investigation.

6. As per the statement of the Investigation Officer, no investigation is pending against any of the accused or no accused has been declared as innocent.

7. As per the statement of Investigation Officer and record of the case, the name of the complainant is Harirt Kaur.

8. The aforesaid complainant has appeared before this Court and her statement has been recorded.

9. ASI Dilbagh Singh, Investigation Officer has appeared before this Court and his statement has been recorded.

10. As per the statement of the Investigation Officer, the Challan has not been presented yet.

11. As per the statements of the prosecutrix, accused and Investigation Officer, the compromise is genuine, voluntary and out of free will of the parties.

12. As per the statement of the accused and Investigation Officer, no other criminal case or proceedings is pending against the accused.”

5. Learned State counsel and learned counsel for respondent No.2 have not raised any dispute regarding the factum of compromise. Learned counsel for the petitioner and respondent No. 2 submit that the prosecutrix

and petitioner were in consensual relationship and the matter had since been amicably resolved.

6. In '*Madhukar and others vs. The State of Maharashtra and another*', 2025 *LiveLaw* (SC)710, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, recognizing that offence under 376 of the Indian Penal Code is of a grave and heinous nature, observed that the power of Court under Section 482 Cr.P.C. to secure the ends of justice is not constrained by a rigid formula and must be exercised with reference to the facts of each case. In that case, the complainant expressed desire not to pursue the case on the ground that she along with the petitioner were in consensual relationship and the matter stands amicably resolved and continuing with the criminal proceedings would only disturb her peace and stability. Hon'ble Supreme Court observed that the parties had amicably resolved their differences and arrived at mutual understanding and continuation of trial would not serve any meaningful purpose, rather would only prolong distress for all concerned specially the complainant and burden the Court without the likelihood of productive outcome.

7. In the present case as well, the parties have resolved their disputes amicably and should be saved from the agony of criminal trial. The continuance of criminal trial would only add to the sufferings of the parties and would be an exercise in futility.

8. Following the principles of law laid down by Hon'ble Supreme Court in '*Madhukar and others vs. The State of Maharashtra and another*', 2025 *LiveLaw* (SC)710, it is a fit case warranting exercise of discretion under Section 528 Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

9. FIR No. 0097 dated 02.04.2023 under Sections 376, 506 Indian Penal Code, Police Station Dera Bassi, District SAS Nagar and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, are quashed qua the petitioner, on the basis of compromise dated 27.03.2025.
10. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of.

29.04.2026
Ajay Goswami

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

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Yes/No
Yes/No