



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.**

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CRM-M-10142-2026 (O&M).**Date of Decision: 07.04.2026.**

Aniket Lalotra and another

....Petitioners.

VERSUS

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Gaurav Partap S. Pathania, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Virender Partap Singh, Advocate for respondent No.2.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

The present petition under Section 528, BNSS, 2023, has been filed by the petitioners, for quashing of FIR No.0063 dated 02.06.2025 (Annexure P-1), for the offences punishable under Sections 115(2), 118(1), 351(3), 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and lateron added Section 118(2) of the BNS, at Police Station Taragarh, District Pathankot, and all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise and affidavit dated 31.01.2026 (Annexure P-2 and P-3 respectively).

2. Vide order dated 23.02.2026, the affected parties were directed to appear before the learned Trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate, for getting their respective statements recorded with regard to the compromise.

3. Report has since been received from learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Pathankot, Jhajjar, in pursuance to the directions of this Court

wherein, the factum of the compromise arrived at between the parties stands verified and confirmed. As per the report(s) compromise has indeed been effected between the parties and the same is without any pressure or coercion and out of their free will and the private respondents have also made statement to the effect that they would have no objection if the FIR *qua* the accused-petitioners is quashed.

4. The trial Court has annexed the statements of the parties in original, along with its report. The relevant part of the said report is reproduced here-below:

Sr. No.	Description	
1.	Total number of persons found involved as accused in the dispute/FIR	Two
2.	Number of complainant/victim(s)	One
3.	Whether all the accused and complainant / victims are party to compromise & signed the same	Yes
4.	In case, any affected person (accused or complainant) is left out or not arrayed as party in the quashing petition before High Court, detail whereof; OR	No
	His/her statement is still to be recorded, in compliance to the direction of this Court, details of such person	--
5.	Whether any accused has been declared as a proclaimed offender/person or any such proceedings against him/her have been initiated or pending adjudication	No
6.	Report of the Court whether compromise is genuine, voluntary, and without any coercion or undue influence	Yes
7.	Any other aspect relevant to the present case.	All the relevant aspects have been detailed above.

5. Learned State counsel too submits that there are no other accused other than the petitioners and the private respondent is the only aggrieved person in the FIR in question.

6. In view of the report of the learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Pathankot, and the principles laid down by Hon'ble the Apex Court in *Gian Singh Vs. State of Punjab and others (2012) 10 SCC 303*, and also by the Full Bench of this Court in *Kulwinder Singh and others Vs. State of Punjab and another, 2007(3) RCR (Criminal) 1052*, the instant petition is allowed. The aforesaid FIR and all consequential proceedings arising out of it, are quashed.

7. Needless to say that the parties shall remain bound by the terms of compromise and their statements recorded before the Court below.

8. Petition stands **disposed of**.

Pending misc. application(s), if any, also stand(s) disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

07.04.2026

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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/ No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/ No