

2026:PHHC:027604



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-13772-2025

Date of decision :20.02.2026

SODHI RAM AND OTHERS

... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Parwinder Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Attar Ahmed, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Aditya Sharma, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

(THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING)

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (ORAL)

The prayer in this petition is for quashing of an FIR No.136 dated 01.09.2024 (Annexure P-1) registered under Sections 118(1), 3(5), 351(2) BNS (Section 109 BNS added later on) at Police Station Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of a compromise arrived at between the parties.

Vide order dated 24.12.2025 this Court had directed the parties to appear before Illaqa Magistrate for getting their statements recorded with regard to the compromise dated 22.01.2025 (P-2).

The Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court was to submit a report in this regard giving certain details as enumerated in the said order.

Pursuant to the order dated 22.01.2025 passed by this Court, the parties have appeared before the learned Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Garhshankar and as per the report dated 29.01.2026 submitted to this Court, both the parties have got recorded their respective statements in Court.

A perusal of the aforesaid report would show that the parties have effected a genuine compromise without there being any pressure, coercion or undue influence. In view of the compromise there is a remote possibility of the complainant coming forward to support the prosecution case. The powers under Section 482 Cr.PC can be exercised in such like situation in order to prevent unnecessary vagaries of criminal trial to be faced by the parties, when there are remote chances of conviction of the accused. The compromise in question is found to be fully in consonance with the direction issued by the Court in “*Kulwinder Singh & Ors. Vs. State of Punjab 2007(3) RCR (Criminal) 1052* and *Gian Singh Vs. State of Punjab & Anr., 2012(4) RCR (CrL) 543*”.

In addition, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Narinder Singh and Others vs State of Punjab and Another, 2014 (2) RCR (Criminal) 482*, and *State of Madhya Pradesh vs Laxmi Narayan and Others, 2019(2) RCR (Criminal) 255*, have categorized those cases where quashing on the basis of compromise was permitted and those in which, it was not permitted. It was further observed that the Court concerned may look into the medical evidence and examine the same to see as to whether the conviction under Section 307 of the IPC was possible or not.

Thus, mere registration of an FIR under Section 307 did not foreclose the right of the petitioner/accused to effect a compromise and get the FIR quashed.

In the present case, there is no injury with a firearm. Therefore it is extremely unlikely that a conviction could be recorded under Section 307 IPC.

In view of the aforesaid report of the learned Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Garhshankar accompanied by statements of both the parties, the FIR No.136 dated 01.09.2024 (Annexure P-1) registered under Sections 118(1), 3(5), 351(2) BNS (Section 109 BNS added later on) at Police Station Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom are hereby quashed qua the petitioners.

Petition stands disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

20.02.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No
Whether reportable:- Yes/No