



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-13424-2026 (O&M)
Decided on : 20.04.2026

Puneet Pahwa . . . Petitioner(s)
Versus
State of Punjab and another . . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

PRESENT: Mr. Kanwar Abhay Singh, Advocate and
Mr. Govind Rana, Advocate, for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Jasdeep Singh, Addl. AG, Punjab.

Mr. Rajesh Kumar Jangra, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. Instant petition has been filed under Section 528 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 482 Cr.P.C.), seeking quashing of the below detailed First Information Report (FIR), and all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of the compromise/mutual settlement dated 07.03.2026 (Annexure P-3), effected between the parties.

DETAILS OF CRIMINAL CASE:-

FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
251	11.09.2025	S. 420 of IPC [S. 318 of BNS, 2023] & S. 24 of Immigration Act	Sahnawal	Ludhiana

2. Vide order dated 12.03.2026, the affected parties were directed to appear before the learned Trial Court/Illaq Magistrate, for getting their respective statements recorded with regard to the compromise.

3. Report has since been received from learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Ludhiana, 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	One
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 respondents are the only aggrieved person in the FIR in question.

6. In view of the report of the learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Mukerian, 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**.

9. While disposing of the instant petition, it is made clear that the passport belonging to the petitioner was ordered to be released by this Court vide order dated 09.04.2026 for the purpose of obtaining visa, since, proceedings in the FIR already stand quashed on the basis of compromise by virtue of the present order, petitioner shall not be required to re-surrender his passport to the concerned authority in connection with the present case.

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

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

April 20, 2026

J.Ram

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No