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

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Date of decision : 16.02.2026

Sagar Garg and Ors.

..... Petitioners

V/S

State of Punjab and Anr.

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. Deepak Goyal, Advocate for petitioners.

Mr. Ekom Pal Sagoo, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. C.M.Munjial, Advocate for respondent No.2.

AMARJOT BHATTI J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioners – Sagar Garg, Riya, Rama Garg and Mangat Ram have filed this petition under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for quashing of FIR No.34 dated 20.04.2023, registered under Sections 406, 498-A of IPC 1860 at Police Station Dirba, District Sangrur (Annexure P-1) and all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, qua the petitioners, in the light of compromise effected between the parties dated 08.03.2025 (Annexure P-2).

2. As per facts of the case, complainant/respondent No.2 Neetu Singla filed written complaint against her husband Sagar Garg and other members of in-laws family. She alleged that her marriage was solemnized with Sagar Garg on 27.08.2017. Out of this wedlock, she is having a son aged about 04 years. At the time of marriage, her parents had spent huge money and had

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given dowry consisting of furniture, utensils, gold ornaments and other household articles including cash amount as detailed in the FIR. Soon after marriage, the harassment started. They were unhappy with the dowry articles. They used to find faults in the dowry and were expecting more jewellery and Innova car. She was beaten up under the influence of liquor by her husband. The other members of in-laws family used foul language for her. The matter came before the panchayat. Huge amount was transferred in favour of accused persons from time to time. Even then there was no change in their behaviour. She informed her parents from time to time and panchayats were also convened, but no fruitful result could be achieved. All the accused persons tortured her physically and mentally. All her dowry articles remained in their possession. Finally, she was turned out of the matrimonial home and thereafter she filed this complaint.

3. Petitioners filed this petition for quashing of aforesaid FIR on the basis of compromise. Vide order dated 16.07.2025 & 16.09.2025 petitioners Sagar Garg, Riya, Rama Garg, Mangat Ram and respondent No.2 Neetu Singla were directed to appear before the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate for recording their statements on the basis of compromise. Detailed report regarding compromise has been received from the court of Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Sunam dated 24.10.2025. Statement of respondent No.2 has been recorded where she confirmed the compromise with petitioners. She confirmed that this compromise has been effected voluntarily, without any coercion or undue influence and she has no objection regarding quashing of FIR.



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4. Petitioners- Sagar Garg, Riya, Rama Garg and Mangat Ram also confirmed this fact in their joint statement. Statements of ASI Gurdeep Singh, ASI Gurdev Kaur and Retd. Inspector Satnam Singh are also recorded who confirmed that petitioners are not involved or declared as proclaimed offenders in any other criminal case.

5. Therefore, from the report of Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Sunam it is clear that the compromise has been effected between the parties without any pressure, coercion or undue influence, which is acceptable to both the parties. They have mutually settled all their claims arisen from matrimonial dispute. They have decided to part ways by filing joint petition under Section 13-B of Hindu Marriage Act. Matter has been settled in Rs.46,00,000/-, out of which Rs.23,00,000/- were to be paid by petitioner No.1 to respondent No.2 at the time of recording of first motion statements and balance amount of Rs.23,00,000/- will be paid at the time of recording of second motion statements. Thereafter, they will be able to live independently in peace and harmony. It will end the litigation started between them.

6. Gainful reference can be made to the judgment of Larger Bench of Five Judges of this High Court cited in **2007(3) R.C.R. (Criminal) 1052 titled as "Kulwinder Singh and Ors. Vs. State of Punjab and Anr."**, where it was explained that 'there can never be any hard and fast category which can be prescribed to enable the court to exercise its power under Section 482 of Cr.P.C. The only principle that can be laid down is the one which has been incorporated in the section itself i.e. to prevent abuse of the process of any court or to secure the ends of justice.'

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7. Therefore, by relying upon the ratio of the aforesaid judgment, no purpose would be served with the continuation of criminal proceedings. Considering these facts, the petition filed by the petitioners is accepted and FIR No.34 dated 20.04.2023, registered under Sections 406, 498-A of IPC 1860 at Police Station Dirba, District Sangrur (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arisen therefrom are quashed qua petitioners Sagar Garg, Riya, Rama Garg and Mangat Ram.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

16.02.2026.*Sunil Devi*

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