



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

Sr. No.314

CRM-M-15296-2026
Date of Decision: 06.05.2026

BALJIT SINGH @ BEETA AND OTHERS**...Petitioner****Versus****STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANDEEP PANNU**

Present:- Mr. Saksham Dudeja, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Hardeep Hans, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Preet Agroa, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

MANDEEP PANNU, J. (Oral)

1. This petition is filed under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (corresponding to Section 482 of the Cr.P.C.) seeking quashing of the cross-case registered vide G.D. No. 21 dated 04.03.2023 under Sections 323, 324, 506, 148, 149 and 201 of the IPC (now corresponding to Sections 115(2), 118, 351, 191(3), 190 and 238 of the BNS, 2023) at Police Station Punjab Agricultural University, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana (Annexure P-1). The petition also seeks quashing of FIR No. 0020 dated 28.02.2023 registered under Sections 323, 341, 506, 148 and 149 of the IPC (with Sections 325 and 201 IPC added subsequently), now corresponding to Sections 115(2), 126, 351, 191(3) and 190 of the BNS, 2023 (with Sections 117 and 238 added later), at the same



police station, along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise dated 02.03.2026 (Annexure P-2).

2. During the pendency of the dispute, the parties have compromised the matter and filed the present petition for quashing of FIR.

3. Vide order dated 23.03.2026, parties were directed to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/Trial Court and report with regard to the genuineness of the compromise was called for.

4. The report dated 03.04.2026 has been received from Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Ludhiana stating that the parties have entered into a compromise, which is genuine, voluntary and without any coercion or undue influence.

5. Full Bench of this Court in ***Kulwinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab, 2007 (3) RCR (Criminal) 1052***, has held:-

“29. The only inevitable conclusion from the above discussion is that there is no statutory bar under the Cr.P.C. which can affect the inherent power of this Court under Section 482. Further, the same cannot be limited to matrimonial cases alone and the Court has the wide power to quash the proceedings even in noncompoundable offences notwithstanding the bar under Section 320 of the Cr.P.C., in order to prevent the abuse of law and to secure the ends of justice.

30. The power under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C. is to be exercised Ex-Debitia Justitia to prevent an abuse of process of Court. There can neither be an exhaustive list nor the defined para-meters to enable a High Court to invoke or exercise its inherent powers. It will always depend upon the facts and circumstances of each case. The power under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C. has no limits.



However, the High Court will exercise it sparingly and with utmost care and caution. The exercise of power has to be with circumspection and restraint. The Court is a vital and an extra-ordinary effective instrument to maintain and control social order. The Courts play role of paramount importance in achieving peace, harmony and ever- lasting congeniality in society. Resolution of a dispute by way of a compromise between two warring groups, therefore, should attract the immediate and prompt attention of a Court which should endeavour to give full effect to the same unless such compromise is abhorrent to lawful composition of the society or would promote savagery.”

6. It is evident that in view of the amicable resolution of the issues amongst the parties, no useful purpose would be served by continuation of the proceedings. The furtherance of the proceedings is likely to be a waste of judicial time and there appears to be no chance of conviction.

7. In view of above, cross-case registered vide G.D. No. 21 dated 04.03.2023 under Sections 323, 324, 506, 148, 149 and 201 of the IPC (now corresponding to Sections 115(2), 118, 351, 191(3), 190 and 238 of the BNS, 2023) at Police Station Punjab Agricultural University, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana (Annexure P-1). The petition also seeks quashing of FIR No. 0020 dated 28.02.2023 registered under Sections 323, 341, 506, 148 and 149 of the IPC (with Sections 325 and 201 IPC added subsequently), now corresponding to Sections 115(2), 126, 351, 191(3) and 190 of the BNS, 2023 (with Sections 117 and 238 added later), at the same police station, with all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom, is



quashed qua the petitioners, on the basis of compromise dated 02.03.2026 (Annexure P-2).

- 8. The present petition is hereby allowed.
- 9. All pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

06.05.2026
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(MANDEEP PANNU)
JUDGE

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