



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

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CRM-M-55661-2022 (O&M)

Date of decision: 20.05.2026

Paramjit Sharma and Others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Mohit Garg, Advocate for the petitioners

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG Punjab

Mr. Gurmeet Singh Saini, Advocate for respondent No.2

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed for quashing of FIR No.123, dated 28.10.2020, registered under Sections 420 & 120-B IPC, at Police Station City Zira, District Ferozepur.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the matter has since been settled between the parties, in view of which, compromise deed is deduced in writing before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court on 23.04.2026 and prays for quashing of the FIR based thereon.
3. Learned counsel appearing for respondent No.2 affirms the factum of compromise and has no objection to the FIR being quashed.
4. Heard learned counsel for the parties and also gone through the case file.
5. The Full Bench of this Court in **Kulwinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab**, 2007 (3) RCR (Criminal) 1052, held that High Court has power under Section 482 Cr.P.C. to allow the compounding of non-

compoundable offence and quash the prosecution where the High Court is of the view that the same was required to prevent the abuse of the process of law or otherwise to secure the ends of justice. This power of quashing is not confined to matrimonial disputes alone.

6. Hon'ble the Supreme Court of India in the case of **Gian Singh vs. State of Punjab and another**, 2012 (4) RCR (Criminal) 543, had observed that in order to secure the ends of justice or to prevent the abuse of process of Court, inherent power can be used by this Court to quash criminal proceedings in which a compromise has been effected. The relevant portion of para 57 of the said judgment reads thus:-

“57. The position that emerges from the above discussion can be summarised thus: the power of the High Court in quashing a criminal proceeding or FIR or complaint in exercise of its inherent jurisdiction is distinct and different from the power given to a criminal court for compounding the offences under Section 320 of the Code.

Inherent power is of wide plenitude with no statutory limitation but it has to be exercised in accord with the guideline engrafted in such power viz; (i) to secure the ends of justice or (ii) to prevent abuse of the process of any Court. XXX---XXX”

7. In view of the afore-referred judgments, perusing the report of the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court regarding amicable settlement between the petitioners and the complainant, this Court finds that quashing the FIR will accord a quietus to all disputes between the parties and it is in the interest of both sides to bury the hatchet and lead a peaceful life. Thus, no useful purpose would be served in continuing the proceedings and in order to secure the ends of justice, the criminal proceedings in the present case deserve to be quashed.

8. Resultantly, the present petition is allowed and FIR No.123, dated

28.10.2020, registered under Sections 420 & 120-B IPC, at Police Station City Zira, District Ferozepur and all other consequential proceedings arising therefrom are quashed qua the petitioners on the basis of the compromise arrived at before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court dated 23.04.2026.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

20.05.2026
M.Kamra

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