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

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Date of decision : 01.04.2026

Rahul Rajput and Ors.

..... Petitioners

V/S

State of Haryana and Anr.

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. Vishal Jassal, Advocate for petitioners.

Mr. Ashwani Bhatia, AAG, Haryana.

Mr. Vinay Kumar Arya, Advocate for respondent No.2.

AMARJOT BHATTI J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioners – Rahul Rajput, Vishnu Dev and Yogesh Rajput @ Yogesh have filed this petition under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for quashing of FIR No.0131 dated 12.05.2021, registered under Sections 323, 34, 406, 498-A, 506 of IPC 1860 at Police Station Mahesh Nagar, District Ambala (Annexure P-1) and all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, qua the petitioners, in the light of compromise effected between the parties dated 04.08.2025 (Annexure P-2).

2. As per facts of the case, complainant/respondent No.2 Ritikia Saini filed written complaint against her husband Rahul Rajput and other members of in-laws family with the allegations of demand for dowry, domestic violence and causing physical and mental harassment. The complainant alleged that she fell into love trap with Rahul Rajput and also threatened to harm her family in case

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she refused to marry him. Under pressure, she got married with Rahul Rajput on 17.12.2013. Initially, she was treated well, but thereafter he started raising demand for money. She disclosed everything to her father who gave furniture, household articles and some money to the accused persons. Even then, there was no change in their behaviour. Her husband started raising demand for a new car, whereas the members of in-laws family were raising demand for gold items and cash amount to repair their house. She has narrated various incidents which took place in the matrimonial home. Panchayat was also convened to settle the dispute. Her in-laws family insisted on their demands. She was forcibly turned out of the matrimonial home and all her dowry articles were retained by them. With these allegations, present FIR has been registered.

3. Petitioners filed this petition for quashing of aforesaid FIR on the basis of compromise. Vide order dated 30.01.2026, petitioners Rahul Rajput, Vishnu Dev, Yogesh Rajput @ Yogesh and respondent No.2 Ritikia Saini 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, Ambala dated 18.02.2026. 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.

4. Petitioners- Rahul Rajput, Vishnu Dev, Yogesh Rajput @ Yogesh also confirmed this fact in their joint statement.

Statement of (Retd.) S.I. Balkar Singh is also recorded who confirmed that present FIR was registered against accused Rahul Rajput, Kiran



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Bala, Vishnu Dev and Yogesh Rajput @ Yogesh. During investigation Kiran Bala, Vishnu Dev and Yogesh Rajput @ Yogesh were found innocent and were kept in column No.2 and the challan was presented only against accused Rahul Rajput. He confirmed that accused Kiran Bala was expired on 02.01.2023. He further confirmed that accused are not involved or declared as proclaimed offenders in any other criminal case.

5. Therefore, from the report of Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Ambala 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.3,80,000/-, out of which Rs.1,90,000/- were to be paid by petitioner to complainant at the time of recording of first motion statements and balance amount of Rs.1,90,000/- 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. Petitioners Vishnu Dev, Yogesh Rajput @ Yogesh are already declared innocent. Consequently, petition filed by Rahul Rajput is accepted and FIR No. 0131 dated 12.05.2021, registered under Sections 323, 34, 406, 498-A, 506 of IPC 1860 at Police Station Mahesh Nagar, District Ambala (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arisen therefrom are quashed qua petitioner Rahul Rajput.

**(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE**

01.04.2026.*Sunil Devi*

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