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

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**CRM-M-61720-2025 (O&M)
Decided on: 17.02.2026**

SUKHDEEP SINGH @ SONU

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present: Mr. Ravi Malhotra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

Mr. Satnam Singh, Advocate for respondent No.2.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023 for quashing of FIR No.157 dated 03.11.2018 under Sections 323, 324, 452, 148, 149 of IPC, 1860 registered at Police Station Sadar Phagwara, District Kapurthala as well as judgment dated 11.11.2024 whereby the petitioner has been convicted by learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Phagwara along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise/settlement deed dated 15.10.2025 (Annexure P-3) arrived at between the parties.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner and respondent No.2 are related to each other as respondent No.2/complainant is married with the sister of the petitioner and there is a matrimonial dispute between the parties; vide judgment of conviction and



order of sentence dated 11.11.2024, the present petitioner has been convicted for a period of one and a half year for the offences punishable under Sections 452, 324 and 323 IPC, 1860, however, now the matter has been compromised between the parties.

3. The above stated FIR was registered on the statement of the complainant namely, Sukhjiwan Singh.

4. On notice of motion, respondent No.2 appeared in the Court through his counsel and pleaded that he has no objection if the FIR and consequent judgment of conviction and order of sentence dated 11.11.2024, in this case is quashed on the basis of the aforesaid compromise, which has been effected between the parties.

5. During the course of preliminary hearing, the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate was directed to record the statements of the all the concerned parties with regard to genuineness and validity or otherwise of the aforesaid compromise.

6. In compliance thereof, report from the Court of learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Phagwara along with statements of the parties has been received, in which, it is mentioned that the compromise is genuine and there was no undue influence or coercion from any side.

7. Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) and for respondent No.2 are *ad idem* that in view of the settlement effected between the parties, the present petition deserves to be accepted. It has also come on record that the aforesaid compromise is genuine and the parties effected the same without any undue influence or coercion.

8. In view of above, nothing remains to be adjudicated further



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in the present case. Thus, continuation of the criminal proceedings between the parties would be a futile exercise and sheer wastage of time of the Court and thus, amounts to abuse of process of law.

9. For the reasons afore-stated and having regard to the law laid down by Hon'ble Apex Court in *Gian Singh v. State of Punjab and another*, 2012 (4) RCR (Criminal) 543 and Five Judges Bench of this Court in *Kulwinder Singh and others v. State of Punjab and another*, 2007(3) RCR (Criminal) 1052, this petition is allowed FIR No.157 dated 03.11.2018 under Sections 323, 324, 452, 148, 149 of IPC, 1860 registered at Police Station Sadar Phagwara, District Kapurthala as well as judgment dated 11.11.2024 whereby the petitioner has been convicted by learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Phagwara along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed qua the petitioner, subject to payment of Rs.10,000/- as cost, to be deposited with Indian Red Cross Society, Account No.3578152035, IFSC Code-CBIN0280412, Central Bank of India, Sector-17-B, Chandigarh.

10. Receipt regarding deposit of aforesaid cost be produced before the Court concerned. It is made clear that if cost is not deposited within a period of one month i.e. upto 17.03.2026, the present petition shall be deemed to be dismissed.

(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

17.02.2026
Sonia Puri

Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES/NO
Whether Reportable: YES/NO