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

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Date of decision : 16.09.2025

Jaswinder Kaur and Ors.

..... Petitioners

V/S

State of Punjab and Anr.

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. Nitin Sharma, Advocate for petitioners.

Mr. Jasjit Singh Rattu, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Ankit Bhardwaj, Advocate for respondent No.2.

AMARJOT BHATTI J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioners Jaswinder Kaur, Guriqbal Singh and Lovejit Singh have filed this second petition under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for quashing of FIR No.218 dated 23.08.2021, registered under Sections 498-A, 406, 34 of IPC 1860 at Police Station Lopoke, District Amritsar (Annexure P-1) and all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, qua the petitioner, in the light of compromise effected between the parties dated 25.02.2025 (Annexure P-2).

2. As per facts of the case, complainant/respondent No.2 Kiranjit Kaur filed written complaint against her husband, Guriqbal Singh and other members of in-laws family. She alleged that her marriage was performed with Guriqbal Singh in December 2012. Out of this wedlock, she is having a son who is about 6 years of age. At the time of marriage, her parents had given substantial dowry



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as per their status which was her *istridhan*. She has given detail of gold ornaments, cash amount as *shagun*, furniture and other household articles given at the time of marriage. After marriage, she was taunted for bringing dowry of inferior quality. They used to beat her and threatened to kill her in order to compel her to satisfy their demand for a Bullet motorcycle and an *Activa* vehicle. She was physically and mentally tortured and even thrown out of the house. Matter was settled with the intervention of relatives but there was no change in their behaviour. She was not given food to eat. Under compulsion, her parents had given Rs.5/6 lakhs to complete the construction of their house. There was no end of their demands. She was turned out of the house on 19.10.2020. She gave information to her parents and since 20.10.2020, she is living in her parental house. With these allegations, present FIR was registered.

Learned counsel representing State has filed status report, which is taken on record. As per status report, petitioner No.1 Jaswinder Kaur and petitioner No.3 Lovejit Singh were found innocent during investigation and the challan was presented only against husband petitioner No.2 Guriqbal Singh. At present, the trial is pending for consideration on charge.

3. Petitioners filed this petition for quashing of aforesaid FIR on the basis of compromise. Vide order dated 18.07.2025, petitioners and respondent No.2 were directed to appear before the trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate for recording their statements on the basis of compromise. Detailed report regarding compromise has been received from the court of Civil Judge (Jr. Divn.)-cum-Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Amritsar dated 22.08.2025. Statement of respondent No.2 has been recorded where she confirmed the compromise with



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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- Jaswinder Kaur, Guriqbal Singh and Lovejit Singh also confirmed this fact in their separate statements. Statement of ASI Balwinder Singh is 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 Civil Judge (Jr. Divn.)-cum-Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Amritsar 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 and started living together. Now, they will be able to live 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.'

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. Since



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petitioner No.1 Jaswinder Kaur and petitioner No.3 Lovejit Singh were found innocent during investigation and challan was presented only qua petitioner No.2, therefore, FIR No.218 dated 23.08.2021, registered under Sections 498-A, 406, 34 of IPC 1860 at Police Station Lopoke, District Amritsar (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arisen therefrom are quashed qua petitioner No.2- Guriqbal Singh.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

16.09.2025.

Sunil Devi

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