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

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Date of decision : 20.05.2025

Baljeet Singh and Ors.

..... Petitioners

V/S

State of Punjab and Anr.

..... Respondents

**CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI**

Present: Mr. Kuldip Singh, Advocate for petitioners.

Ms. Gurpreet Kaur Sarabha, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Gaganpreet Kaur, Advocate for  
Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Advocate for respondent No.2.

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**AMARJOT BHATTI J. (ORAL)**

1. Petitioners- Baljeet Singh, Jagjit Singh and Shanti Bai filed instant petition under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for quashing of FIR No.40 dated 18.06.2021, registered under Sections 498-A, 323 of IPC and Section 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 (Section 406 of IPC was added later on), at Police Station Amir Khas, District Fazilka (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, qua the petitioners, in light of the compromise effected between the parties dated 11.10.2024 (Annexure P-2).

2. As per facts of the case, complainant Harpreet filed written complaint against her husband Baljeet Singh and other members of in-laws family alleging that her marriage was performed with Baljeet Singh on 16.02.2020. Her husband was serving in BSF. At the time of marriage, her parents had given dowry in the shape of cash amount, scooty, furniture and other articles. After about 1 ½ month, her husband started harassing her at the instance of her mother-in-law and brother-in-law. They started raising demand for a car.



She was teaching in DAV College, Jalalabad. She told them that she was also doing government job and her parents had already spent huge money and now they could not give more money to them. On this, she was beaten up by her mother-in-law Shanti Bai and brother-in-law Jagjit Singh. Her arms and feet were tied and they tried to give her some intoxicant tablets. There was interference in her married life. Thereafter, she started living in her parental house for the last 7-8 months. 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 21.03.2025, petitioners and respondent No.2 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, Jalalabad dated 06.05.2025. Statement of respondent No.2 has been recorded where she confirmed the compromise with petitioners. She confirmed that this compromise has been effected voluntarily and without any coercion and undue influence and she has no objection regarding quashing of FIR.

4. Petitioners- Baljeet Singh, Jagjit Singh and Shanti Bai also confirmed this fact in their separate statements. Statement of ASI Sukhdev 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 Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Jalalabad, it is clear that compromise has been effected between the parties without any pressure, coercion or undue influence. 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.4,00,000/- out of which Rs.2,00,000/- were already paid by petitioner to complainant at the time of recording of first motion statements and balance amount of Rs.2,00,000/- will be paid at the time of recording of second motion statements. Thereafter, they will be able to live independently in peace and harmony. No purpose would be served with the continuation of criminal proceedings.

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 tilted 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 and FIR No.40 dated 18.06.2021, registered under Sections 498-A, 323 of IPC and Section 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 (Section 406 of IPC was added later on), at Police Station Amir Khas, District Fazilka (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom are quashed qua petitioners.

**(AMARJOT BHATTI)**  
**JUDGE**

**20.05.2025.**

*Sunil Devi*

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