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

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Date of decision : 02.09.2025

Manjit Singh and Ors.

..... Petitioners

V/S

State of Punjab and Anr.

..... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Mitul Singh Rana, Advocate for petitioners.

Ms. Amrit Kaur Mahir, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Nisha Rana, Advocate for respondent No.2.

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**AMARJOT BHATTI J. (ORAL)**

1. Petitioners – Manjit Singh, Nirmal Kaur and Sukhjinder Singh have filed this petition under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for quashing of FIR No.309 dated 23.12.2023, registered under Sections 323, 498-A, 406 of IPC 1860 at Police Station Model Town, District Hoshiarpur (Annexure P-1) and all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, qua the petitioners, in light of the compromise effected between the parties dated 14.02.2025 (Annexure P-2).

2. As per facts of the case, complainant/respondent No.2-Harpreet Kaur filed written complaint against her husband Sukhjinder Singh and other members of in-laws family that her marriage was performed on 04.09.2022 with Sukhjinder Singh according to Sikh Rites and customs. Her parents had given gold ornaments, customary gifts to her husband and members of in-laws family.

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Soon after marriage, they started taunting her that she has not brought dowry according to their wishes. She tried to adjust in the matrimonial home with a hope that things will improve with the passage of time. Her husband raised demand of Rs.15 Lakhs as he wanted to settle in England. Prior to this, he was working in Dubai. Her parents could not satisfy this demand. As a result, she was beaten up. Her husband went abroad (Dubai) in December 2022. Her in-laws illtreated her in the matrimonial home. There was demand for A.C. and LCD. She informed her parents that there was danger to her life. Her father reached the matrimonial home and her in-laws had a quarrel with her father. She was turned out of the matrimonial home along with her father on 01.08.2023. All her dowry articles were lying in the matrimonial home. With these allegations, matter was reported to the police and present FIR has been registered.

3. Petitioners filed this petition for quashing of aforesaid FIR on the basis of compromise. Vide order dated 26.03.2025, 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, Hoshiarpur dated 12.06.2025. Statement of respondent No.2 has been recorded where she confirmed the compromise with petitioners. She confirmed that this compromise has been effected voluntarily, without any coercion or undue influence and she has no objection regarding quashing of FIR.

4. Petitioners- Manjit Singh, Nirmal Kaur and Sukhjinder Singh also confirmed this fact in their separate statements. Statement of ASI Sarabjit 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, Hoshiarpur 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.3,75,000/-, out of which Rs.2,00,000/- were to be paid by petitioner No.3 to respondent No.2 at the time of recording of first motion statements and balance amount of Rs.1,75,000/- 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.'

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

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No.309 dated 23.12.2023, registered under Sections 323, 498-A, 406 of IPC 1860 at Police Station Model Town, District Hoshiarpur (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arisen therefrom are quashed qua petitioners.

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

**02.09.2025.**

*Sunil Devi*

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