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

CRM-M-21834-2025
Date of Decision:- 02.09.2025

PANKAJ AND OTHERS

...Petitioners

Vs.

STATE OF HARYANA AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Saurav Gumbal, Advocate with Mr. Sumit Sharma,
Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Ayuwan Singh, AAG, Haryana.

Ms. Tanya Vashist, Advocate for respondent No.2.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

1. Petitioners, Pankaj, Kuldeep Singh and Paramjeet have filed instant petition for quashing of FIR No.85 dated 14.07.2019 under Sections 34, 406, 498-A and 506 of IPC, registered at Police Station Naggal, District Ambala (Annexure P-1) and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise (Annexure P-2).

2. As per facts of the case, Ramandeep Kaur respondent No.2/complainant filed written complaint against her husband Pankaj and other members of in-laws' family for maltreatment on account of illegal



demand of dowry. Her marriage was solemnized with Pankaj on 04.02.2018 according to Hindu Rites. Her parents had spent more than Rs.15 lakhs on her marriage which was beyond their means. After few days of marriage, she was taunted and ill-treated her in the matrimonial home by saying that she belonged to poor family. They were expecting a car in marriage. She tried to explain that her parents had also spent money beyond their capacity and she was not in a position to satisfy their demands. Earlier, it was told that her in-laws' family was follower of *Radha Swami Community*, but later-on it was found that her husband used to consume liquor sometimes. There was a demand for cash of Rs.7 lakhs to purchase a car. Otherwise, she will not be allowed to live in peace. There was continuous harassment in the matrimonial home and she has narrated various incidents which took place during her stay with her in-laws. Finally, complaint was filed on the basis of which FIR was registered.

3. Petitioners filed this petition for quashing of aforesaid FIR on the basis of compromise. Vide order dated 25.04.2025, 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 1st Class, Ambala dated 13.06.2025. Statement of respondent No.2 has been recorded, where she confirmed the compromise with petitioners. She confirmed that this compromise has been effected without any pressure, coercion or undue influence and she has no objection



regarding quashing of FIR.

4. Petitioners –Pankaj, Parmjeet and Kuldeep Singh have also confirmed this fact in their separate statements. Statement of SI Karambir Singh is also recorded who further confirmed that accused are not proclaimed offenders in this 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.5,50,000/-, out of which Rs.2,75,000/- were to be paid by petitioners to complainant at the time of recording of first motion statements by way of Demand Draft and balance amount of Rs.2,75,000/- 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 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 the 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.85 dated 14.07.2019 under Sections 34, 406, 498-A and 506 of IPC, registered at Police Station Naggal, District Ambala (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom are quashed qua petitioners.

8. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

02.09.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No.
Whether reportable : Yes/No