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

(233)

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Date of Decision:- 09.10.2025

Ayush Chowdhary

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. Sidhant Virmani, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sahil Chowdhary, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Sujata, Advocate for respondent No. 2.

ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed seeking quashing of **FIR No.69 dated 28.07.2023 under Sections 498-A, 406 and 323 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860**, registered at Police Station Women, District Police Commissionerate, Amritsar (Annexure P-1), and all other subsequent proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of the compromise deed dated 29.07.2025 (Annexure P-2).

2. Keeping in view the fact that the parties entered into a compromise, this Court vide order dated 08.08.2025 directed the parties to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court for getting their statements recorded in that regard. Pursuant thereto, a report dated 04.09.2025 has been received from the Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Amritsar, stating that the compromise arrived at between the parties is voluntary and the same is without any pressure, coercion or undue influence.

3. Learned State Counsel and learned counsel for respondent No. 2 admit the factum of compromise and submit that they have no objection to quashing of the FIR on that basis.



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4. It is also submitted that in the interregnum, in compliance of the settlement arrived at between the parties, they have been granted the decree of divorce on 25.08.2025 by the Court of competent jurisdiction.

5. Perusal of the aforesaid report establishes that the parties have amicably settled their dispute, and continuance of criminal proceedings in such a situation will be an exercise in futility, as the chances of ultimate conviction are bleak. The power under Section 482 Cr.P.C. can be exercised in such matters. It has been held by Supreme Court of India in cases *Gian Singh v. State of Punjab and another* 2012(10) SCC 303 and *Narinder Singh and others v. State of Punjab and another* 2014(6) SCC 406 that criminal cases having overwhelmingly civil character, particularly those arising out of commercial transactions or matrimonial relationships or family disputes, should be quashed when the parties have resolved their disputes among themselves in a *bona fide* manner.

6. Consequently, this petition is allowed. **FIR No.69 dated 28.07.2023 under Sections 498-A, 406 and 323 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860**, registered at Police Station Women, District Police Commissionerate, Amritsar (Annexure P-1), and all other subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed *qua* the petitioner, subject to payment of cost of Rs. 10,000/- to be deposited by petitioner and Rs. 10,000/- to be deposited by respondent No.2 within one month from today in the following account:

Punjab State Legal Services Authority Disaster Relief Fund.

Account No. 44426937384

IFSC SBIN0014656

Bank Name - State Bank of India, Sector 68, SAS Nagar.

**(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE**

October 09, 2025

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