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

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Date of decision: 17.09.2025

**Baldev Singh and Others****...Petitioners****Versus****State of Punjab and Another****...Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL**

Present: Mr. Kulwinder Bhargav, Advocate  
for petitioners.

Mr. Hardeep Singh Wadhwa, DAG Punjab.

Mr. Sagar Bathla, Advocate for  
Mr. Jashandeep Bains, Advocate  
for respondent No.2.

**SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL (Oral)**

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1. Petitioners seek quashing of FIR No.22 dated 22.02.2024 under Sections 323, 406, 498-A, 506 and 120-B of Indian Penal Code, Police Station Machiwara, District Ludhiana and all subsequent proceedings arising out of the FIR, on the basis of compromise dated 30.04.2025.
2. On 06.08.2025, this Court directed the parties to appear before learned trial Court/Illaq Magistrate for recording of their statements with regard to compromise dated 30.04.2025.
3. In compliance of the aforesaid order, parties appeared before learned JMIC, Samrala on 29.08.2025. Statement of Investigating Officer ASI Karnail Singh was also recorded on 29.08.2025. Learned JMIC, Samrala has submitted his report recording satisfaction that all the parties have entered into a valid compromise without any influence or coercion. Point-wise report as under has been submitted:

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- (i) As per report under Section 173 CrPC presented in the court on 04.12.2024, there were three persons arrayed as accused in the present FIR namely Baldev Singh son of Ajit Singh, Gurpreet Singh son of Baldev Singh and Paramjit Kaur daughter of Amar Singh. Out of the above three accused, accused Baldev Singh was arrested and released on bail and he was facing trial and two accused namely Gurpreet Singh and Paramjit Kaur are not arrested till date.
- (ii) Accused Baldev Singh appeared in person in the Court to record his statement. Accused Gurpreet Singh and Paramjit Kaur appeared through video conferencing to get recorded their statements. Said Gurpreet Singh and Paramjit Kaur, who appeared through video conferencing were identified by complainant being her husband and mother in law.
- (iii) Accused Gurpreet Singh and Paramjit Kaur are not arrested till date and police got issued LOOK OUT CIRCULAR against both the accused. However, as per statement of IO ASI Kamail Singh, both these accused are still not got declared Proclaimed Person/Offender. So, till date no accused is declared Proclaimed Person/Offender in this case.
- (iv) There is only one complainant/injured namely Harpreet Kaur, who appeared in the court and suffered her statement.
- (v) Challan/report under Section 173 CrPC was presented on 04.12.2024 against accused Baldev Singh only, as accused Gurpreet Singh and Paramjit Kaur are still to be arrested and joined in the investigation.

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Charge was framed against accused Baldev Singh on 02.08.2025 and case was fixed for prosecution evidence.

(vi) The compromise entered into between the parties appears to be genuine and voluntary and the same appears to have been effected between the parties out of their free will and consent, without any threat or pressure or coercion or undue influence to end the matrimonial dispute. Complainant suffered a statement that their petition for mutual divorce is already allowed for the learned Principal Judge, Family Court on 27.08.2025 and now parties want to end their matrimonial litigation. Written compromise is also placed on record as 'Annexure A'.

(vii) No other criminal case is pending against any of the accused.

4. Learned State counsel and learned counsel for respondent No.2 have not raised any dispute regarding the factum of compromise. Since the matter has been amicably resolved, continuation of the criminal proceedings would be an exercise in futility.

5. Following principles of law laid down by the Full Bench Judgment of this Court in **“Kulwinder Singh and others Vs. State of Punjab and another” 2007(3) RCR (Criminal) 1052** and Hon’ble Supreme Court in **“Gian Singh Versus State of Punjab and others” (2012) 10 SCC 303**, the petition is allowed.

6. FIR No.22 dated 22.02.2024 under Sections 323, 406, 498-A, 506 and 120-B of Indian Penal Code, Police Station Machiwara, District Ludhiana and all subsequent proceedings arising out of the FIR, on the basis of compromise dated 30.04.2025, are quashed qua the petitioners.

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7. Pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

**(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)**  
**JUDGE**

**17.09.2025***Sumit Singla**Whether speaking/reasoned:**Yes/No**Whether reportable:**Yes/No*