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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision:- 08.10.2025

**SUKHRAJ SINGH ALIAS SUKHMAN SINGH ALIAS GAJI**

...Petitioner

Vs.

**STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS**

...Respondents

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI**

Present:- Ms. Meena, Advocate and Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate for the  
petitioner.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Jagjit Singh, Advocate for Mr. Parminder Singh Kanwar,  
Advocate for respondent Nos.2 and 3.

**AMARJOT BHATTI, J.**

1. Petitioner Sukhraj Singh @ Sukhman @ Gaji has filed instant petition for quashing of FIR No.26 dated 16.02.2020, under Sections 354, 354-A, 354-D, 457, 506 IPC and Section 12 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 registered at Police Station Sadar Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran (Annexure P-1) along with all subsequent proceedings on the basis of compromise dated 03.05.2025 (Annexure P-2).

2. As per facts of the case, respondent No.3 i.e. victim gave her



statement that she was about 17 years of age and after passing her 9<sup>th</sup> class, she started doing household work. Sukhman Singh @ Gaji living in their neighbourhood used to follow her and even harassed her on her way to school. Panchayat members tried to make him understand and he was told to mend his ways. On 12.02.2020 at about 12 o'clock midnight Sukhman Singh @ Gaji entered his house by scaling the wall. He caught hold of her while he was going to the washroom. In the meantime, she raised hue and cry and all family members woke up and he managed to run away from there. With these allegations, present FIR has been registered.

3. Petitioner filed this petition for quashing of aforesaid FIR on the basis of compromise. Vide order dated 28.05.2025, petitioner and respondent Nos.2 and 3 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 Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Tarn Taran dated 24.07.2025. Statement of respondent Nos.2 and 3 has been recorded jointly, where they confirmed the compromise with petitioner. They confirmed that this compromise has been effected without any pressure, coercion or undue influence and they have no objection regarding quashing of FIR.

Learned State counsel filed status report, which is taken on record, subject to just exceptions.

4. Petitioner – Sukhraj Singh @ Sukhman @ Gaji has also confirmed this fact in his separate statement. Statement of ASI Manjinder



Singh is also recorded who further confirmed that accused is not proclaimed offender in this case.

5. Therefore, from the report of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Tarn Taran 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. Both the parties are residing in the same vicinity. They will be able to live 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 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 petitioner is accepted and FIR No.26 dated 16.02.2020, under Sections 354, 354-A, 354-D, 457, 506 IPC and Section 12 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 registered at Police Station Sadar Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom are

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quashed qua petitioner Sukhraj Singh @ Sukhman @ Gaji.

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

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

08.10.2025

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