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

(252)

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Date of Decision:- 29.09.2025

Tanuj and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. Rajinder Singh Malik, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Akshita Chauhan, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Pankaj Rana, Advocate for respondents No. 2 and 3.

ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed seeking quashing of **FIR No.497 dated 25.10.2022** (Annexure P-1) under **Sections 323, 34, 354-D, 506 IPC and Section 3(2)(va) of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities), Act, 1989** (Section 201 IPC added later on) registered at Police Station Sector-27, Sonapat, District Sonapat; order dated 19.11.2024 by learned Additional Sessions Judge (Annexure P-2) and all other proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of the compromise dated 03.01.2025 (Annexures P-3 & P-4).

2. Status report by way of an affidavit of Jeet Singh, HPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Kharkhoda, Sonapat has been filed by learned State counsel on behalf of respondent-State, which is taken on record.



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3. Keeping in view the fact that the parties entered into a compromise, this Court vide order dated 01.08.2025 directed the parties to appear before the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court for getting their statements recorded in that regard. Pursuant thereto, a report dated 11.09.2025 has been received from the Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Sonapat, stating that the compromise arrived at between the parties is voluntary and the same is without any pressure, coercion or undue influence.

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

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. In the present case, although Section 3(2)(va) of SC/ST Act was invoked in the FIR, however, the allegations even if taken at face value, does not *prima facie* disclose any act committed with the intent to humiliate a member of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Accordingly, the essential ingredients of the said provisions are not

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attracted much less there is no other evidence to prove or corroborate the same and appears to be misconceived. Therefore, the FIR is deserved to be quashed, especially, in light of the compromise effected between the parties.

6. Consequently, this petition is allowed. **FIR No.497 dated 25.10.2022** (Annexure P-1) under **Sections 323, 34, 354-D, 506 IPC and Section 3(2)(va) of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities), Act, 1989** (Section 201 IPC added later on) registered at Police Station Sector-27, Sonapat, District Sonapat; order dated 19.11.2024 by learned Additional Sessions Judge (Annexure P-2) and all other proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed *qua* the petitioners, subject to payment of cost of Rs. 25,000/- to be deposited by the petitioners collectively and Rs. 10,000/- to be deposited by respondents No.2 and 3 collectively 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**

September 29, 2025

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