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293 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-23991-2025  
Date of decision:17.07.2025

SOHAN LAL @ RAJAN AND ANOTHER ....Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER ....Respondents

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

Present: Mr. A.S. Khosa, Advocate  
for the petitioners.

Ms. Amrit Kaur Mahir, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. H.S. Sidhu, Advocate  
for respondent Nos.2.

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**AMARJOT BHATTI, J.**

1. Petitioners- Sohan Lal @ Rajan and Manohar Lal @ Monhoar Dass have filed instant petition under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023 for quashing of FIR No. 32 (Annexure P-1) dated 18.04.2024 under Section 498-A and 406 of IPC, registered at Police Station Arniwala, District Fazilka and all other subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise deed dated 17.04.2025 (Annexure P-2).

2. As per facts of the case, complainant/respondent No.2 Anita Rani filed written complaint against her husband Sohal Lal @ Rajan and other members of in-laws family. She submitted that her marriage was performed on 16.11.2022 and her parents had spent huge money on ring ceremony, lohri, festival and marriage ceremony which were performed on different dates. Her parents had spent Rs.3 lacs on the wedding party. They had given gold rings, clothes and shagun to the family members of her husband. She was also given furniture, electric appliances, utensils, clothes and other costly items. All her



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dowry articles were handed over to the accused persons. They did not permit her to use her *Istridhan*. The accused persons turned out to be greedy persons. They started taunting and pressurized her to bring a car and motorcycle from her parental house. There was demand for gold ornaments. She was abused and even beaten up. A Panchayat was convened to settle the dispute. Few days behaviour of accused was good towards her but they again started behaving in the same manner. Again a Panchayat was convened but the matter could not be resolved. Finally, the matter was reported to the police and present FIR has been registered.

3. Petitioners filed this petition for quashing of aforesaid FIR on the basis of compromise. Vide order dated 05.05.2025, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Fazilka, dated 15.07.2025. Statement of respondent No.2 has been recorded where she confirmed the compromise with petitioners. She confirmed that this compromise has been effected voluntarily, without any undue influence or coercion and she has no objection regarding quashing of FIR.

Learned counsel representing State filed status report, which is taken on record.

4. Petitioners- Sohan Lal @ Rajan and Manohar Lal @ Monhoar Dass also confirmed this fact in their separate statements. Statement of ASI Malkeet Singh is also recorded who confirmed that petitioners are not involved or declared as proclaimed offenders in any other criminal case.

5. Therefore, from the report of Judicial Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Fazilka, it is clear that compromise has been effected between the parties



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without any undue influence or coercion. They have mutually settled all their claims arisen from matrimonial dispute. Thereafter, they will be able to live independently in peace and harmony. It will end the litigation started between the parties.

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 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. 32 (Annexure P-1) dated 18.04.2024 under Section 498-A and 406 of IPC, registered at Police Station Arniwala, District Fazilka and all other subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, are quashed qua petitioners.

8. Pending miscellaneous application, if any, shall also stands disposed of accordingly.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)  
JUDGE

17.07.2025  
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No  
Whether Reportable: Yes/No