



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-37953-2025

Date of decision: 29.09.2025

SAVITRI KUMARI AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

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

Present: Ms. Komal Preet Kaur, Advocate  
for the petitioners.

Ms. Amrit Kaur Mahir, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Anmol Thakur, Advocate for respondent No.2.

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**AMARJOT BHATTI, J (Oral):**

1. Petitioners-Savitri Kumari and Amit Rawat have filed instant petition under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for quashing of FIR No.0023, dated 09.04.2024, under Section 498-A of IPC registered at Police Station NRI, District Amritsar (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent and incidental proceedings arising therefrom on the basis of compromise dated 31.05.2025 (Annexure P-2).

2. As per facts of the case, complainant/respondent No.2 Rakhi Khatri filed written complaint against her husband and in-laws family for causing mental and physical harassment on account of demand of dowry, criminal breach of trust and for outraging her modesty. That the complainant is well educated lady. She came across Amit Rawat through whatsapp marriage group and started exchanging messages. He was settled in



Australia. The talks regarding their marriage started through their families and finally their marriage was fixed for 04.02.2020. Even before marriage, her father transferred huge amounts in the account of family members of her husband. They were being compelled to satisfy their demands. Otherwise they threatened to cancel the marriage. Her father under stress agreed for their illegal demands. After marriage, she was taken to Thailand by her husband- Amit Rawat. The behaviour of her husband changed from the very beginning but she did not disclose this fact to anybody. She has narrated various incidents which took place in the matrimonial home. Her husband went back to Australia on 05.03.2020. She lived with her mother-in-law at Amritsar where she was treated like a servant. For sometime, she stayed in her parental house. There was demand for a cash of Rs.3 lacs and expensive car. She was beaten up by her mother-in-law, on the day of Diwali i.e. 04.11.2021. Her husband had applied for spouse visa but later on the same was withdrawn. She was compelled to leave the matrimonial home. Before marriage, she was working as a Teacher in new Cambridge International School, Derabassi (Punjab) but she was forced to leave her job. Her dowry articles were misappropriated by her in-laws. After going back to Australia, her husband never returned home. Finally, the matter was reported to the police. With these allegations, present FIR has been registered.

3. Petitioners filed this petition for quashing of aforesaid FIR on the basis of compromise. Vide order dated 18.07.2025, 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, Amritsar, dated 20.09.2025. 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 coercion or undue influence

4. Petitioners- Savitri Kumari and Amit Rawat also confirmed this compromise in their joint statement where Amit Rawat had appeared through video conferencing. Statement of ASI Amarjit 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 Ist Class, Amritsar it is clear that compromise has been effected between the parties without any pressure, coercion or undue influence. They have mutually settled all their claims arisen from matrimonial dispute. They have decided to part ways by filing joint petition under Section 13-B of Hindu Marriage Act. Matter has been settled in Rs.2,50,000/- out of which Rs.1,25,000/- were to be paid by petitioner No.2 to respondent No.2 at the time of recording of first motion statements and balance amount of Rs. 1,25,000/- will be paid at the time of recording of second motion statements. Thereafter, they will be able to live independently 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 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.0023, dated 09.04.2024, under Section 498-A of IPC registered at Police Station NRI, District Amritsar (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arisen therefrom are quashed qua petitioners- Savitri Kumari and Amit Rawat.

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

29.09.2025  
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| 1. Whether speaking/ reasoned | : | Yes /No |
| 2. Whether reportable         | : | Yes /No |