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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-15494-2025

Date of decision: 31.07.2025

CHARANJIT SINGH AND ORS

....Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANR

....Respondents

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

Present: Ms. Jashandeep Kaur, Advocate for
Mr. Akhilesh Vyas, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. Amrit Kaur Mahir, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Varun Sharma, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

1. Petitioners Charanjit Singh, Surjeet Kaur and Kewal Singh have filed petition under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023 for quashing of FIR No.0054, dated 28.04.2024, registered under Sections 406, 498 of IPC, at Police Station NRI, District Police Commissionerate Amritsar (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising there-from, on the basis of compromise deed dated 27.02.2025 (Annexure P-2).

2. As per facts of the case, complainant/respondent No.2 Jaswinder Kaur filed written complaint for taking action against her husband Charanjit Singh and others members of in-laws family on account of maltreatment and demand of dowry articles. It is submitted that she got married with Charanjit Singh on 11.03.2019 at Amritsar. Her parents had given dowry as per demand of her in-laws family. After marriage, she was



to go to foreign country along with her husband. Their marriage was registered. She has given detail of dowry articles given at the time of marriage including gold ornaments, LCD and other household articles as detailed in the FIR. After marriage, behaviour of her in-laws family was not good towards her. They were expecting a car in dowry. On 27.03.2019, she along with her husband shifted to Portugal. Her parents had again spent Rs. 50,000/- on their shopping. Her parents again gave costly gifts. Her husband was unable to find a job whereas she managed to secure employment. She was illtreated in the matrimonial home. During this period, she conceived and gave birth to a daughter. She continued to work tirelessly and was saving money to buy a house in Portugal. Her husband was under the influence of his family members. She wanted to save her marriage. She was even physically assaulted. Members of in-laws family refused to return her gold jewellery. Behaviour of her husband also deteriorated. She came to India on 03.03.2023 and went to her in-laws house. She again asked to her mother-in-law to return her jewellery but she got furious. She came to her parental house. Efforts were made to settle the matrimonial dispute. Finally, the matter was reported to the police.

3. Petitioners Charanjit Singh, Surjeet Kaur and Kewal Singh filed this petition for quashing of aforesaid FIR on the basis of compromise. Vide order dated 21.03.2025, 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 Civil Judge, (Jr. Divn.)-cum Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Amritsar, dated 28.04.2025. Statement of respondent No.2 through video conferencing 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.

Statement of Kuljeet Singh through attorney holder of complainant has also been recorded.

4. Petitioners Charanjit Singh, Surjeet Kaur and Kewal Singh also confirmed this fact in their separate statements. Statement of ASI Sukhwant Singh is also recorded who confirmed that petitioners are not involved or declared as proclaimed offenders in any other criminal case.

Status report filed by learned State counsel through Registry is taken on record.

5. Therefore, from the report of Civil Judge, (Jr. Divn.)-cum Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Amritsar, it is clear that compromise has been effected between the parties without any undue influence or coercion. They have mutually settled all their claims. They both are residing at Portugal. 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.0054, dated 28.04.2024, registered under Sections 406, 498 of IPC, at Police Station NRI, District Police Commissionerate Amritsar (Annexure P-1) along with all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, are quashed qua petitioners.

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

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

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