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

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Date of decision : 08.04.2025

Gideon Singh and Ors.

..... Petitioners

V/S

State of Punjab and Ors.

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. H.S.Dhindsa, Advocate for petitioners.

Mr. Baljinder Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr.G.B.S. Dhillon, Advocate for respondent No.4.

AMARJOT BHATTI J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioners - Gideon Singh, Gurdial Singh and Manjit Kaur filed petition under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for quashing of FIR No.20 dated 14.12.2022, registered under Sections 498-A, 406, 506, 294, 295-A, 34 of IPC, at Women Police Station, Jagraon, District Ludhiana Rural (Annexure P-1) and all the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom, qua the petitioners, in light of the settlement/compromise effected between the parties dated 15/16.01.2025 (Annexure P-2).

2. As per facts of the case, complainant Baljit Kaur filed written complaint against her husband Gideon Singh and other members of in-laws family. The complainant alleged that she is highly educated lady having done Bachelor of Engineering (Computer) and MBA. Presently, she was posted as Inspector in the Department of Food and Civil Supplies of Punjab. She got married with Gideon Singh on 07.03.2021. Her parents had performed decent marriage and had spent huge amount on her marriage. She was given gold



ornaments, furniture, electrical appliances and other items of household use. On the very next day, her husband openly proclaimed that he was not interested in her. He and his family members expressed displeasure over the volume of dowry articles. She was not given proper treatment in the matrimonial home. The complainant has narrated various incidents which took place in the matrimonial home. Behaviour of accused persons caused pain, suffering and humiliation. She was constantly harassed by her husband and other members of in-laws family for bringing less dowry. All her dowry articles are lying in the matrimonial home. Finally, she filed this complaint.

3. Petitioners filed this petition for quashing of aforesaid FIR on the basis of compromise. Vide order dated 18.02.2025, petitioners and respondent No.4 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 Ist Class, Jagraon dated 17.03.2025. Statement of respondent No.4 has been recorded where she confirmed the compromise with petitioners. She confirmed that this compromise has been effected voluntarily and without any coercion and undue influence and she has no objection regarding quashing of FIR.

4. Petitioners- Gideon Singh, Gurdial Singh and Manjit Kaur also confirmed this fact in their separate statements. Statement of ASI Sukhdev 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, Jagraon, 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.30,00,000/- out of which Rs.15,00,000/- were already paid by petitioners to complainant at the time recording of first motion statements and balance amount of Rs.15,00,000/- will be paid at the time of recording of second motion statements. Thereafter, they will be able to live independently in peace and harmony. No purpose would be served with the continuation of criminal proceedings.

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.20 dated 14.12.2022, registered under Sections 498-A, 406, 506, 294, 295-A, 34 of IPC, at Women Police Station, Jagraon, District Ludhiana Rural (Annexure P-1) and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom are quashed qua petitioners.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

08.04.2025.

Sunil Devi

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