

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. /2026
(@ SLP (CRL.) NO. 18041/2025)

JAI BALYAN

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA & ANR.

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. Though the matter arises out of denial of anticipatory bail to the appellant, Jai Balyan, in relation to First Information Report No. 595/2024 dated 02.08.2024 registered with Police Station - Shahabad, District - Kurukshetra, Haryana, for the offences punishable under Sections 323, 406, 498A and 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, we find that the matter is essentially a matrimonial dispute.
3. The parties were desirous of exploring the possibility of settlement through the process of mediation and were, accordingly, referred to the Supreme Court Mediation Centre. Pursuant to the efforts made by the learned Mediator, the parties have settled their differences and reduced the terms of their compromise to writing, vide Settlement Agreement dated 13.07.2026. In terms thereof, they have now filed a joint application, being I.A. No. 233796/2026, seeking appropriate directions from this Court.

4. First Information Report No. 595/2024 dated 02.08.2024 was registered at the behest of respondent No. 2, not only against the petitioner-husband but also his parents.
5. Learned counsel appearing for the State of Haryana states that he has no objection to the matter being given a quietus in the light of the settlement arrived at by and between the parties.
6. I.A. No. 233796/2026 is, accordingly, ordered.
7. In terms of the Settlement Agreement, Demand Draft No. 00056 dated 31.07.2026 drawn on the ICICI Bank, Kurukshetra, Haryana, in the name of respondent No. 2, Deepti, for a sum of ₹45,00,000/- (Rupees forty five lakhs only) is handed over to the learned counsel for respondent No. 2 in open Court. The petitioner-husband and respondent No. 2-wife are present before this Court and state that they voluntarily entered into the aforestated Settlement Agreement.
8. Though the petitioner and respondent No. 2 got married on 27.11.2023, they have been living apart since February, 2024. In the light of the long period of separation, we find no grounds to prolong their marital tie as they have now decided to part ways.
9. We, therefore, exercise our jurisdiction under Article 142 of the Constitution of India and dissolve the marriage performed by and between them on 27.11.2023 by way of a decree of divorce by mutual consent. The pending cases instituted by them against each other shall also be brought to a closure.
10. In the light of Settlement Agreement, FIR No. 595/2024 dated

02.08.2024, registered with Police Station - Shahabad, District - Kurukshetra, Haryana, for the offences punishable under Sections 323, 406, 498A and 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, shall stand quashed. In addition thereto, Maintenance Petition No. 169/2025 filed by respondent No. 2 under Section 125 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, pending before the learned Principal Judge, Family Court, Kurukshetra, Haryana, shall also stand quashed.

11. In the light of the settlement by and between the couple, the petitioner-husband is at liberty to bring the same to the notice of his superiors in the Indian Army, so that necessary consequential steps may be taken.
12. The parties shall be bound by the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement dated 13.07.2026. In the event of any breach, the party aggrieved may seek specific performance thereof before the appropriate forum in accordance with law.
13. The appeal is, accordingly, disposed of in the aforestated terms.
14. The Registry shall prepare a decree for dissolution of the marriage by mutual consent in terms of this order.

Pending applications, if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.
(SANJAY KUMAR)

.....J.
(SANJEEV SACHDEVA)

NEW DELHI;
AUGUST 31, 2026.

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No.18041/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 04-11-2025 in CRM-M No. 41648/2024 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

JAI BALYAN

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA & ANR.

Respondent(s)

Date : 31-08-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV SACHDEVA

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UPON hearing the counsel, the Court made the following

O R D E R

Leave granted.

The appeal is disposed of in terms of the signed order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(BABITA PANDEY)
AR-CUM-PS

(PREETI SAXENA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(Signed order is placed on the file)