



SL. No.	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGE'S ORDERS
			<u>WPCRL/821/2025</u> Narendra Prasad And Ors --Petitioners Versus State Of Uttarakhand and Others --Respondents <u>Hon'ble Alok Mahra, J.</u> Mr. Kirti Sharan Agarwal, learned counsel for the petitioners. Mr. Dinesh Chauhan, learned A.G.A. for the State of Uttarakhand. Mr. Chandra Prakash, learned counsel for respondent no. 3. 2. By means of the present Criminal Writ Petition, the petitioners seek quashing of the F.I.R. dated 20.05.2025, registered as F.I.R. No. 0157 of 2025, under Sections 351(2), 352, 82(2), 85 and 89 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, at Police Station Ram Nagar, District Nainital, along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom. 3. A Compounding Application, jointly signed by the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned counsel for respondent no. 3, duly supported by the affidavits of petitioner no. 1 as well as respondent no. 3, has been filed before this Court. 4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that, due to network connectivity issues caused by inclement weather, petitioner nos. 3 to 6 could not join the proceedings through video conferencing despite their efforts to do so. 5. Respondent no. 3 submitted that a petition under Section 27 of the



		Uttarakhand Uniform Civil Code, 2024 has already been instituted between the parties and the first motion has been recorded. It was further submitted that, in terms of the settlement arrived at between the parties, all criminal and civil proceedings instituted by either side are to be withdrawn before the second motion is recorded. 6. Be that as it may, learned counsel for the parties submitted that all disputes between the parties have been amicably resolved and that respondent no. 3 has no grievance whatsoever against the petitioners. 7. Today, petitioner nos. 1 and 2 and respondent no. 3 are present before this Court and have been duly identified by their respective learned counsel. 8. Respondent no. 3 has categorically stated before this Court that she has entered into the compromise voluntarily, of her own free will and without any coercion, undue influence or pressure. She further stated that she has no objection if the impugned F.I.R. and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom are quashed. 9. Learned State Counsel opposed the Compounding Application on the ground that the offences punishable under Sections 82(2), 85 and 89 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 are non-compoundable. 10. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the material available on record, this Court finds that the parties have amicably settled all their disputes. Respondent no. 3 does not wish to pursue the criminal proceedings any further. In view of the settlement arrived at between the parties and the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, the possibility of conviction appears to be remote and
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			bleak. Continuation of the criminal proceedings would serve no useful purpose and would amount to an abuse of the process of the Court. 11. Having regard to the principles laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in <i>Gian Singh v. State of Punjab</i>, (2012) 10 SCC 303, as well as in <i>Narinder Singh v. State of Punjab</i>, (2014) 6 SCC 466, and considering the peculiar facts and circumstances of the present case, this Court is of the considered opinion that the ends of justice would be served by quashing the impugned F.I.R. and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom in exercise of its extraordinary jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution of India. 12. Accordingly, the Criminal Writ Petition is allowed. The F.I.R. dated 20.05.2025, registered as F.I.R. No. 0157 of 2025, under Sections 351(2), 352, 82(2), 85 and 89 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, at Police Station Ram Nagar, District Nainital, along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, is hereby quashed. 13. Consequently, the Compounding Application stands disposed of. 14. Pending applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of. (Alok Mahra, J.) 30-07-2026 SB:
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