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			<u>WPCRL/ 1629/2026</u> Ganga Ram And Ors --Petitioner Versus State Of Uttarakhand --Respondent <u>Hon'ble Alok Mahra, J.</u> Ms. Geetanjali Dhami, learned counsel for the petitioners. 2. Mr. N.S. Kanyal, learned A.G.A. for the State. 3. Ms. Tanuja Joshi, learned counsel for respondent no.3. 4. By means of the present writ petition, the petitioner has invoked the extraordinary jurisdiction of this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking quashing of F.I.R. No. 0122 of 2026 registered at Police Station Khatima, District Udham Singh Nagar, for the offences punishable under Sections 115(2), 351(3), 352 and 61(2) of the B.N.S., together with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom. The petitioners have further sought issuance of a writ, order or direction in the nature of mandamus commanding the respondent authorities not to arrest the petitioners pursuant to the aforesaid F.I.R. 5. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that the complainant/respondent no.3 is employed as a <i>Chowki Prahari</i> and on 17.10.2026, the petitioners allegedly telephoned him and called him to the forest chowki at Chakarpur; that, upon his arrival, a



		sudden altercation ensued, during which the petitioners are alleged to have assaulted and abused respondent no.3, thereafter taking him to an old forest chowki, threatening him, and recording the incident on the mobile phone of petitioner no.1. 6. Learned counsel for the petitioners would further submit that the petitioners are innocent and that the alleged incident was the result of a sudden quarrel without premeditation. He would further submit that during the pendency of the present writ petition, the parties have amicably resolved all their disputes and differences voluntarily, of their own free will, and without any coercion, pressure, or undue influence. The complainant has categorically stated that he is no longer desirous of prosecuting the criminal case. 7. It is further submitted that a Compounding Application being I.A. No.1 of 2026, duly supported by separate affidavits sworn by the petitioners as well as respondent no.3, has been filed before this Court. In the said application, both the parties have categorically affirmed that they have entered into the compromise voluntarily, without any coercion, pressure, inducement or undue influence, and have jointly prayed that the impugned F.I.R. and all consequential proceedings be quashed in the interest of justice. 8. Learned State Counsel opposes the prayer for quashing of the F.I.R. However, he does not dispute the fact that the parties have filed the aforesaid compromise application before this Court. 9. Petitioner and respondent no.3 are present before this Court in person and have been duly identified by their respective learned counsel. Upon interaction with the Court, respondent no.3 stated that he is working as <i>Chowki</i>
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		<i>Prahari</i> in Village; that, the impugned F.I.R. has been lodged by him due to some misunderstanding arose between them and the incident had occurred on account of a sudden altercation. He would further submit that the parties have now amicably resolved their dispute and he has no grievance against the petitioners and has no objection if the impugned F.I.R. and all consequential proceedings arising therefrom are quashed. 10. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the material available on record. 11. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in <i>Gian Singh v. State of Punjab</i>, (2012) 10 SCC 303; <i>Narinder Singh v. State of Punjab</i>, (2014) 6 SCC 466; and <i>State of Madhya Pradesh v. Laxmi Narayan</i>, (2019) 5 SCC 688, has consistently held that the High Court, in exercise of its inherent or extraordinary jurisdiction, may quash criminal proceedings involving offences having predominantly civil, commercial, financial or personal flavour where the parties have genuinely settled their disputes, provided the offences are not heinous in nature or such as to have a serious impact upon society or public interest. 12. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has further held that while exercising such jurisdiction, the High Court is required to satisfy itself regarding the genuineness and voluntariness of the compromise and whether continuation of the criminal proceedings would amount to abuse of the process of the Court. 13. In the present case, both the petitioner and respondent no.3 is present before this Court in person and has unequivocally admitted the compromise.
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		Respondent no.3 has categorically stated that he has settled the dispute with the petitioner voluntarily and without any coercion or undue influence and that he does not intend to prosecute the criminal proceedings any further. 14. Having regard to the nature of the allegations, the background of the dispute, the settlement arrived at between the parties, the statements made by respondent no.3 before this Court, and the principles laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the aforesaid decisions, this Court is satisfied that the compromise is genuine, voluntary and bona fide. The dispute between the parties appears to be predominantly personal and financial in nature. In the facts and circumstances of the present case, the possibility of conviction is remote and bleak and continuation of the criminal proceedings would serve no useful purpose. Rather, it would amount to abuse of the process of law and would not advance the ends of justice. 15. Consequently, the Compounding Application (I.A. No. 1 of 2026) is allowed. 16. Accordingly, F.I.R. No. 0122 of 2026 registered at Police Station Khatima, District Udham Singh Nagar, together with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, is hereby quashed. 17. The writ petition is, accordingly, allowed. 18. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of. (Alok Mahra, J.) 13-08-2026 MAMTA RANI Digitally signed by MAMTA RANI DN: c=IN, o=HIGH COURT OF UTTARAKHAND, ou=HIGH COURT OF UTTARAKHAND, 2.5.4.20=6a812005bebfcf46f244f3e584af1449e430ef900b09a6d67ebbd642671329b, postalCode=263001, st=Uttarakhand, serialNumber=5de1751a4f1d9cabfd54852c9e68911ca8b66dd26690a191648ab5d8dd004ef0, cn=MAMTA RANI Date: 2026.08.17 17:32:39 +05'30'
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