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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

CNR No. DLHC010210762025

+ **CRL.M.C. 2595/2025 & CRL.M.A. 11600/2025**

NEERAJ PAL & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Abhishek Sharma, Adv. (through
VC).
Petitioners-in-person

versus

THE STATE & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Digam Singh Dagar, APP for
State.
Mr. Anil Payal, Adv. for R2.
Respondent no.2-in-person
SI Rahul Ranjan, PS Harsh Vihar

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MADHU JAIN

ORDER

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20.08.2026

1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.
2. By way of the present petition under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (hereinafter referred to as the 'BNSS'), the petitioners seek quashing of **FIR No. 0149/2016** registered at Police Station Harsh Vihar, Delhi, for the offences punishable under Sections 498A/406/34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (hereinafter referred to as the 'IPC') and Section 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, as well as all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of an amicable settlement arrived at between the parties.
3. Issue Notice. Learned APP for the state accepts notice on behalf of the



state.

4. Petitioners as well as Respondent No.2 are present before the Court. Respondent No.2 has been duly identified by her learned counsel as well as by the Investigating Officer (IO) concerned.

5. Briefly stated, the marriage between Petitioner No.1 and Respondent No.2 was solemnized on 08.02.2015 in accordance with Hindu rites and ceremonies. A son, namely Master Shivansh, was born out of the said wedlock. Owing to matrimonial discord and differences between the parties, they started residing separately with effect from 10.09.2015. Thereafter, Respondent No.2 lodged the subject FIR against the petitioners.

6. During the pendency of the proceedings, the parties, with the intervention of their family members and other persons, amicably resolved their disputes and entered into a Settlement Agreement dated 28.02.2024. Pursuant to the said settlement, the marriage between Petitioner No.1 and Respondent No.2 was dissolved by a decree of divorce by mutual consent dated 19.12.2024 passed by the learned Judge, Family Court-02, Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi, in HMA No. 1818/2024.

7. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that, in terms of the Settlement Agreement dated 28.02.2024, the parties agreed to settle all their claims and disputes. It is further submitted that the settlement amount agreed between the parties has been paid in terms of the settlement, including the amounts paid to Respondent No.2 and the amounts deposited in the name of the minor son, Master Shivansh. It is submitted that the terms of the settlement have been duly complied with and no claim remains outstanding between the parties.

8. On a query put by the Court, Respondent No.2, who has been duly



identified by her learned counsel as well as the IO, states that she has entered into the settlement with the petitioners voluntarily, of her own free will and without any force, coercion or undue influence. She further states that she has received the amount payable to her in terms of the settlement and that no dispute or claim survives between her and the petitioners. She has no objection to the quashing of the subject FIR and the proceedings arising therefrom.

9. Learned APP for the State, on instructions, submits that the settlement between the parties has been verified by the IO and that Respondent No.2 has no objection to the quashing of the FIR.

10. The dispute between the parties arises out of matrimonial discord. The parties have been residing separately for several years and have now amicably resolved their disputes. Their marriage has also been dissolved by a decree of divorce by mutual consent. Respondent No.2, who is the complainant in the present FIR, has categorically stated before the Court that she does not wish to pursue the criminal proceedings and has no objection to the quashing of the FIR.

11. Considering the nature of the dispute, the settlement arrived at between the parties, the fact that the marriage between Petitioner No.1 and Respondent No.2 already stands dissolved by mutual consent, and the categorical statement of Respondent No.2 that she has no objection to the quashing of the FIR, continuation of the criminal proceedings would serve no useful purpose and would only result in further continuation of litigation between the parties.

12. Accordingly, **FIR No. 0149/2016**, registered at Police Station Harsh Vihar, Delhi, for the offences punishable under Sections 498A/406/34 of the IPC and Section 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, and all consequential



proceedings emanating therefrom, are hereby quashed.

13. Copy of the order be communicated to the concerned learned Trial Court for necessary action and compliance.

14. The order be uploaded on the website forthwith.

MADHU JAIN, J

AUGUST 20, 2026/b/P