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

CNR No. DLHC010235942026

+ **CRL.M.C. 4104/2026**

RAGHAV DHINGRA AND ORS

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Bhupinder Methani, Adv.
(*through VC*)
Petitioner in person.

versus

STATE (GOVT.OF NCT OF DELHI) AND ANR Respondents

Through: Mr. Hemant Mehla, APP
SI Abhay Bhati, PS Laxmi Nagar
Mr. Sachin Shakya, Mr. Sandeep
Kumar Pant and Mr. Kailash Kumar,
Advs. for R2 along with R2 in person.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MADHU JAIN

ORDER

% **25.08.2026**

1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.

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2. Allowed subject to all just exceptions. The application stands disposed of.

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3. By way of the present petition, the petitioners seek quashing of **FIR No. 0100/2021**, registered at Police Station Laxmi Nagar, Delhi, for the offences punishable under Sections 498A/406/34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (hereinafter, the 'IPC'), and all consequential proceedings emanating therefrom, on the basis of the settlement arrived at between the parties.



4. Issue notice. The learned APP accepts notice on behalf of the State.
5. Petitioner No. 1 and Respondent No. 2 are present before this Court. Respondent No. 2 has been identified by her learned counsel as well as by the Investigating Officer concerned.
6. Briefly stated, the marriage between Petitioner No. 1 and Respondent No. 2 was solemnized on 16.04.2016 at Ludhiana, Punjab, in accordance with Hindu rites and ceremonies. One male child, namely Ruhansh Dhingra, was born out of the said wedlock on 10.05.2017. Owing to matrimonial discord and temperamental differences, the parties started residing separately with effect from 29.12.2019. Thereafter, Respondent No. 2 lodged the present FIR against the petitioners. During the pendency of the proceedings, the parties amicably resolved all their disputes before the Delhi Mediation Centre, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi, and executed a Settlement Agreement dated 04.10.2024. Pursuant to the said settlement, a decree of divorce by mutual consent was granted by the learned Principal Judge, Family Court, East District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi, vide judgment and decree dated 29.03.2025.
7. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that, in terms of the Settlement Agreement dated 04.10.2024, the parties agreed to settle all their disputes for a total sum of ₹5,70,000/- towards stridhan, dowry articles and maintenance, past, present and future. It is submitted that a sum of ₹1,50,000/- was paid by Petitioner No. 1 to Respondent No. 2 by way of demand draft at the time of recording of the statement in the first motion proceedings on 04.11.2024 and a further sum of ₹1,70,000/- was paid by way of demand draft at the time of recording of the statement in the second motion proceedings on 29.03.2025. It is further submitted that the remaining amount of ₹2,50,000/-



is being paid by Petitioner No. 1 to Respondent No. 2 today before this Court by way of Demand Draft Nos. 171429 and 171430. Upon receipt of the aforesaid amount, the settlement shall stand fully complied with and nothing further shall remain payable by the petitioners to Respondent No. 2 under the settlement.

8. On a query made by this Court, Respondent No. 2, who has been duly identified by the Investigating Officer, states that she has entered into the Settlement Agreement dated 04.10.2024 of her own free will and without any pressure, coercion, undue influence or threat. She further states that she has received the amounts paid to her in terms of the settlement and has no further claim against the petitioners in respect of the disputes which form the subject matter of the present proceedings. She further states that she has no objection if the present FIR and all proceedings emanating therefrom are quashed.

9. Learned APP for the State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, submits that the parties have amicably settled their disputes and, in view of the statement of Respondent No. 2, the State has no objection to the quashing of the FIR, subject to the orders of this Court.

10. Having regard to the fact that the parties have amicably resolved their disputes of their own free will and without any coercion and that Respondent No. 2 has no objection to the quashing of the FIR, no useful purpose would be served by continuing the criminal proceedings. Continuation of the proceedings would only result in further acrimony between the parties. It would, therefore, be in the interest of justice to bring the proceedings to an end.

11. Accordingly, **FIR No. 0100/2021**, registered at Police Station Laxmi Nagar, Delhi, for the offences punishable under Sections 498A/406/34 of the



IPC, and all consequential proceedings emanating therefrom, are hereby quashed.

12. The present petition is disposed of. Pending application(s), if any, also stand(s) disposed of.

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

14. The order be uploaded on the website *forthwith*.

MADHU JAIN, J

AUGUST 25, 2026/ys/P