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

+ **CRL.M.C. 2747/2017**

RAJEEV KUMAR & ANR

..... Petitioners

Through: Mr.Nadeem Saifi, Adv.

versus

THE STATE GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI & ANR Respondents

Through: Ms.Neelam Sharma, APP.

SI Pardeep, P.S.Begumpur.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHUTOSH KUMAR

ORDER

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20.07.2017

Crl.M.A.11365/2017

Exemption allowed subject to all just exceptions.

Application stands disposed of.

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The petitioners seek quashing of FIR No.813/2014 dated 04.08.2014 (P.S.Begumpur) instituted for the offences under Sections 354/341/323 and 34 of the IPC.

The respondent No.2, the complainant is the neighbour of the petitioners. The petitioner Nos.1 & 2 are husband and wife and stay in the neighbourhood of respondent No.2. Because of some misunderstanding between the two neighbours, the present case has been lodged. From the narration of events in the FIR itself, it would appear that the allegations under Section 354 and 341 are not made out. However, there has been a

settlement between the parties. The settlement agreement also has been brought on record which indicates that respondent No.2 is now not desirous of prosecuting the petitioners any further.

Taking into account the aforesaid facts namely the petitioners and the respondent No.2 being neighbours, nature of accusation and the settlement between the parties with the specific resolve of the respondent No.2 of not prosecuting the petitioners any further, this Court deems it appropriate to quash the subject FIR.

In ***Gian Singh vs. State of Punjab & Another, (2012) 10 SCC 303***, the Supreme Court has held that cases which are not compoundable under Section 320 of the Cr.P.C. could also be quashed, when continuation of any criminal proceeding would be an exercise in futility and where justice demands that the dispute between the parties should be put to an end and peace is restored. But ending of such criminal proceedings could only be ordered for securing the ends of justice.

The Supreme Court has further observed in *Gian Singh vs. State of Punjab & Another* (Supra):

“58..... No doubt, crimes are acts which have harmful effect on the public and consist in wrongdoing that seriously endangers and threatens the well-being of the society and it is not safe to leave the crime-doer only because he and the victim have settled the dispute amicably or that the victim has been paid compensation, yet certain crimes have been made compoundable in law, with or without the permission of the court. In respect of serious offences like murder, rape, dacoity, etc., or other offences of mental depravity under IPC or offences of moral turpitude under special statutes, like the Prevention of Corruption Act or the offences committed by public servants while working in that capacity, the settlement between the offender and the victim can have no legal sanction

at all. However, certain offences which overwhelmingly and predominantly bear civil flavour having arisen out of civil, mercantile, commercial, financial, partnership or such like transactions or the offences arising out of matrimony, particularly relating to dowry, etc. or the family dispute, where the wrong is basically to the victim and the offender and the victim have settled all disputes between them amicably, irrespective of the fact that such offences have not been made compoundable, the High Court may within the framework of its inherent power, quash the criminal proceeding or criminal complaint or FIR if it is satisfied that on the face of such settlement, there is hardly any likelihood of the offender being convicted and by not quashing the criminal proceedings, justice shall be casualty and ends of justice shall be defeated. The above list is illustrative and not exhaustive. Each case will depend on its own facts and no hard-and-fast category can be prescribed.”

[Refer to B.S. Joshi, (2003) 4 SCC 675; Nikhil Merchant, (2008) 9 SCC 677 and Manoj Sharma, (2008) 16 SCC 1.]

For the aforesaid facts, the FIR No.813/2014 dated 04.08.2014 (P.S.Begumpur) instituted for the offences under Sections 354/341/323 and 34 of the IPC and all other proceedings emanating therefrom are quashed.

The petition is disposed of in terms of the above.

ASHUTOSH KUMAR, J

JULY 20, 2017

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