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

+ **W.P.(CRL) 3517/2017**

ANOOP PANDEY & ORS

..... Petitioners

Represented by: Mr. M.A. Ashraf, Advocate
with petitioners in person.

versus

THE STATE GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI & ANR..... Respondents

Represented by: Ms. Meenakshi Chauhan, APP
for Ms. Richa Kapoor,
Additional Standing Counsel
for the State.

Mr. Prashant Borkar, Advocate
for respondent No.2 with
respondent No.2 in person.

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HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MUKTA GUPTA

ORDER

15.12.2017

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By the present petition the petitioners seek quashing of FIR No. 195/2016 under Sections 498A/406/34 IPC and Section 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 registered at PS Karawal Nagar, Delhi on the complaint of Respondent No.2 and the proceedings pursuant thereto on the ground that the parties have settled the matter.

Learned APP appearing on behalf of learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State on instructions from Investigating Officer submits that in the above-noted FIR the six petitioners are the only accused and the respondent No.2 is the only complainant/ victim.

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Respondent No. 2 who is present in Court and is identified by the learned counsel and the Investigating Officer states that she has settled the matter with the Petitioners before the Delhi Mediation Centre, Karkardooma Courts on 21st October, 2016. In terms of the settlement marriage between the Petitioner No.1 and Respondent No.2/complainant has been dissolved by a decree of divorce by mutual consent. As full and final settlement of all the claims, that is, maintenance, streedhan and alimony etc. of the Respondent No. 2, the Petitioner No.1 has to pay a sum of ₹4.50 lakhs out of which ₹3.50 lakh have already been received and the balance of ₹1 lakh has been received by her today in Court vide Demand Draft No. 340104 dated 6th December, 2017 drawn on Yes Bank, Worli, Mumbai. Respondent No.2 states that now she has no claim whatsoever remaining against the petitioners and in terms of the settlement she does not want to pursue the abovementioned FIR and the proceedings pursuant thereto and she has withdrawn all the cases filed by her against the petitioners. She also states that she will abide by the terms of settlement.

Petitioners who are present in Court and are identified by the learned counsel affirm the statement of respondent No.2 and undertake to abide by the terms of settlement arrived at between the parties before Delhi Mediation Centre, Karkardooma Courts.

In view of the fact that the parties have amicably resolved their differences of their own free will, volition and without any coercion and no useful purpose will be served in continuance of the proceedings, rather the same would create further acrimony between them, it would be in the interest of justice to quash the abovementioned FIR and the proceedings

pursuant thereto. There is no legal impediment in quashing the FIR in question.

Consequently, FIR No. 195/2016 under Sections 498A/406/34 IPC and Section 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 registered at PS Karawal Nagar, Delhi and proceedings pursuant thereto are hereby quashed against all the accused.

Parties have signed this order sheet in acknowledgment of their statements made before this Court.

Petition is disposed of. Order dasti.

MUKTA GUPTA, J.

DECEMBER 15, 2017
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