

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

Date of Order: May 21, 2019

+ **CRL.M.C. 1288/2019**

PRANAY CHAWLA

..... Petitioner

Through: Ms. Manisha Ambwani &
Ms. Charu Ambwani, Advocates.

Versus

STATE OF NCT OF DELHI & ANR. Respondents

Through: Mr. Izhar Ahmed, Additional
Public Prosecutor for respondent
No.1-State with SI Rajvir Singh.
Respondent No.2 in person.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUNIL GAUR

ORDER
(ORAL)

Crl.M.A. 10939/2019

By way of this application, early hearing of the main petition is sought.

Upon hearing, I find that sufficient cause is shown to prepone the date of hearing. The date of 17th July, 2019 fixed in the petition is accordingly cancelled and it is taken up for hearing today itself.

The application is disposed of.

CRL.M.C. 1288/2019

In view of orders passed in Crl.M.A. 10939/2019, the date of 17th July, 2019 fixed in this petition is cancelled and it is taken up for hearing today itself.

Quashing of FIR No. 1524/2015, under Sections 354/354A/354B/379/506 IPC, registered at police station Binda Pur South West, Delhi is sought on the basis of affidavit of 23rd January, 2019 of respondent No. 2 and on the ground that the misunderstanding which led to registration of the FIR in question, now stands cleared between the parties.

Upon notice, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for respondent No.1-State submits that respondent No. 2 present in the Court, is the complainant/first-informant of FIR in question and she has been identified to be so, by SI Rajvir Singh, on the basis of identity proof produced by her.

Respondent No. 2 present in the Court, submits that the misunderstanding, which led to registration of the FIR in question, now stands cleared between the parties. Respondent No.2 affirms contents of her affidavit of 23rd January, 2019 supporting this petition and submits that now, no grievance against petitioner survives and so, to restore cordiality between the parties, who are working in the same office, proceedings arising out of the FIR in question be brought to an end.

Supreme Court in *Parbatbhai Aahir @ Parbatbhai Bhimsinhbhai Vs. State of Gujarat* (2017) 9 SCC 641 has reiterated the parameters for exercising inherent jurisdiction under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of FIR / criminal proceedings, which are as under:-

“16.7. As distinguished from serious offences, there may be criminal cases which have an overwhelming or predominant element of a civil dispute. They stand on a distinct footing insofar as the exercise of the inherent power to quash is concerned.

16.8. Criminal cases involving offences which arise from commercial, financial, mercantile, partnership or similar transactions with an essentially civil flavour may in appropriate situations fall for quashing where parties have settled the dispute.

16.9. In such a case, the High Court may quash the criminal proceeding if in view of the compromise between the disputants, the possibility of a conviction is remote and the continuation of a criminal proceeding would cause oppression and prejudice.”

In the facts and circumstances of this case, I find that continuance of proceedings arising out of the FIR in question would be an exercise in futility as the misunderstanding, which led to registration of the FIR in question, now stands cleared between the parties.

Accordingly, this petition is allowed subject to costs of ₹10,000/- to be deposited by petitioner with *Prime Minister's National Relief Fund* within two weeks from today. Upon placing on record the proof of deposit of costs within a week thereafter and handing over its copy to the Investigating Officer, FIR No. 1524/2015, under Sections 354/354A/354B/379/506 IPC, registered at police station Binda Pur South West, Delhi and the proceedings emanating therefrom shall stand quashed qua petitioner.

This petition is accordingly disposed of.

(SUNIL GAUR)
JUDGE

MAY 21, 2019

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