

* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
Date of Order: April 01, 2019

+ **CRL.M.C. 1705/2019**

MR. PRASHANT AGARWAL & ORS.Petitioners

Through: Mr. H.S. Dhillon, Advocate

Versus

STATE & ANR.Respondents

Through: Mr. Izhar Ahmad, Additional
Public Prosecutor for State with
W/SI Sneh Lata.
Ms. Meera Menon, Advocate with
Special Attorney-Mr. Rajiv
Dhingra, father of Respondent No.
2.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUNIL GAUR

ORDER
(ORAL)

Quashing of FIR No. 152/2018, under Sections 498-A/377/354/34 of IPC, registered at police station Malviya Nagar, New Delhi is sought on the basis of settlement agreement of 28th January, 2019 reached between the parties.

Mr. Rajiv Dhingra, father of respondent No. 2, who is complainant of FIR in question is present in the court and he submits that his daughter i.e. respondent No. 2 has given Special Power of Attorney in his favour to appear on her behalf. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor for

respondent-State submits that Mr. Rajiv Dhingra, has been duly identified to be father of respondent No. 2, by W/SI Sneh Lata on the basis of identity proof produced by him.

Attorney holder of Respondent No.2, submits that the dispute between the parties has been amicably resolved as today, an amount of ₹25,00,000/- by way of a demand draft bearing No. 001809 dated 27th March, 2019 drawn on HDFC Bank, Neb Sarai Branch New Delhi in the name of his daughter has been received from petitioners. He submits that divorce by mutual consent has been already granted to the parties by the family court on 7th March, 2019. He submits that he has instructions from respondent No. 2 to submit that now no dispute with petitioners survives and so, the 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 complaint, 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;”

Since the subject matter of this FIR is essentially matrimonial, which now stands mutually and amicably settled between parties, therefore, continuance of proceedings arising out of the FIR in question would be an exercise in futility.

Accordingly, this petition is allowed subject to costs of ₹10,000/- to be deposited by petitioners with *Prime Minister's National Relief Fund* within a week 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. 152/2018, under Sections 498-A/377/354/34 of IPC, registered at police station Malviya Nagar, New Delhi and the proceedings emanating therefrom shall stand quashed qua petitioners.

This petition is accordingly disposed of.

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APRIL 01, 2019

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**(SUNIL GAUR)
JUDGE**