

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

Date of Order: April 16, 2019

+ **CRL.M.C. 2008/2019**

RAJAT VASHISHTHA

..... Petitioner

Through: Mr. Kamlesh Kumar Maurya,
Advocate.

Versus

STATE & ANR.

..... Respondents

Through: Ms. Manjeet Arya, Additional
Public Prosecutor for respondent
No.1-State with SI Sonu.
Respondent No.2 in person.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUNIL GAUR

ORDER
(ORAL)

Quashing of FIR No. 199/2018, under Sections 498-A/406 of IPC, registered at Police Station Seemapuri, Delhi, is sought on the basis of Memorandum of Understanding (*Annexure P-2*) and affidavit of 1st April, 2019 of respondent No. 2.

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 Sonu on the basis of identity proof produced by her.

Respondent No.2, present in the Court, submits that the dispute

between the parties has been amicably resolved as today, she has received demand draft bearing No. 528585, dated 15th April, 2019, amounting to ₹2,00,000/-, drawn on Punjab National Bank, Nathanpura (Dehradun), Uttarakhand from petitioner. Respondent No.2 affirms the contents of her affidavit of 1st April, 2019 and submits that now no dispute with petitioner 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 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.”

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 petitioner with *Prime Minister's National Relief Fund* within four 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. 199/2018, under Sections 498-A/406 of IPC, registered at Police Station Seemapuri, Delhi and the proceedings emanating therefrom shall stand quashed qua petitioner.

This petition is accordingly disposed of.

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(SUNIL GAUR)
JUDGE

APRIL 16, 2019

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