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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **CRL.M.C. 576/2018**
PRADEEP BHATIA & ORS Petitioners
Through: Ms. Badre Munir & Mr. Abdul
Gaffar, Advocates

versus

STATE (NCT OF DELHI) & ANR Respondents
Through: Mr. Panna Lal Sharma, APP
with ASI Prem Ram Arya,
PS: Hari Nagar, Delhi
Mr. Anil Rakhra, Advocate for
respondent No.2

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDER SHEKHAR

ORDER
% **22.04.2019**

1. The petitioners have filed the present petition under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for quashing of FIR No.140/2000, under Sections 498-A/406/34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('IPC'), registered at P.S.: Hari Nagar, Delhi and the proceedings emanating therefrom.

2. The petitioners and respondent No.2 as well as their respective counsel submitted that the parties have settled their disputes on their own free will, without any force or coercion before the Delhi High Court Mediation & Conciliation Centre (DHCMCC) on 17.1.2017. It is also submitted that the marriage between the petitioner No.1 and respondent No.2 has been dissolved by mutual consent under Section 13B(2) of the

Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 vide a decree of divorce dated 22.11.2017.

3. Respondent No.2, who is present in Court, has reiterated the aforesaid facts and submitted that she has no objection to the petition being allowed and the FIR being quashed as nothing is due and payable to her from the petitioners. To this effect, respondent No.2 has filed an affidavit.

4. The Investigating Officer ('IO'), who is present in Court, has identified the petitioners as well as respondent No.2 and has also verified the settlement arrived at between the parties.

5. In view of the aforesaid circumstances, the settlement arrived at between the parties and the dissolution of marriage, this Court is of the view that no fruitful purpose would be served in keeping the parties entangled in the criminal proceedings. Accordingly, in the interest of justice, FIR No. 140/2000, under Sections 498-A/406/34 of the IPC, registered at P.S.: Hari Nagar, Delhi and the proceedings emanating therefrom are quashed. The parties shall remain bound by the terms and conditions of the settlement.

6. Petition is disposed of in above terms.

CHANDER SHEKHAR, J

APRIL 22, 2019

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