

* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
Date of Order: August 07, 2019

+ **CRL.M.C. 3894/2019 & CRL.M.A. 33018/2019**

CHARAN JEET SINGH & ORS.Petitioners
Through: Gurpreet Singh, Advocate.

Versus

STATE (NCT OF DELHI) & ANR.Respondents
Through: Ms. Neelam Sharma, Additional
Public Prosecutor for State with SI
Rajpal.
Mr. Suwinder Singh Chadha,
Advocate with Respondent No. 2
in person.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUNIL GAUR

ORDER
(ORAL)

Quashing of FIR No. 163/2009, under Sections 420/380/406/498A/120B of IPC, registered at Police Station Punjabi Bagh, Delhi is sought on the basis of Settlement of 28th March, 2019 reached between the parties and affidavit of 1st July, 2019 of respondent No. 2.

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

Respondent No. 2, present in the Court submits that the dispute/misunderstanding between the parties has been amicably resolved

vide aforesaid Settlement of 28th March, 2019 and terms thereof have been fully acted upon. Respondent No. 2 affirms the contents of her affidavit of 1st July, 2019 supporting this petition and submits 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 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, and the misunderstanding, which led to registration of the FIR, has also been cleared between the parties therefore, continuance of proceedings arising out of the FIR in question would be an exercise in futility.

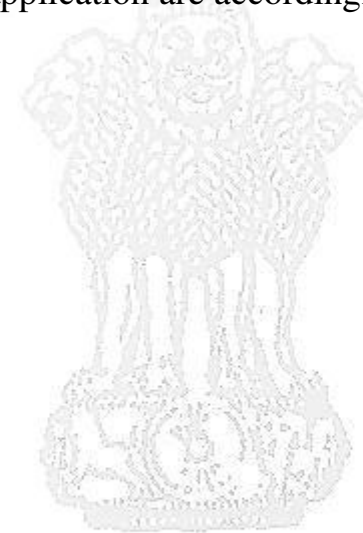
Consequentially, this petition is allowed subject to costs of ₹50,000/- to be deposited by petitioners with *Prime Minister's National Relief Fund* within a week from today. Upon placing on record the proof of deposit of costs within a week thereafter and handing over its copy to the Investigating Officer, FIR No. 163/2009, under Sections 420/380/406/498A/120B of IPC, registered at Police Station Punjabi Bagh, Delhi and the proceedings emanating therefrom shall stand quashed qua petitioners.

This petition and application are accordingly disposed of.

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(SUNIL GAUR)
JUDGE

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