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

+ CRL.M.C. 4251/2019 & CRL.M.A.34508/2019
SHARAD BHATIA & ORS Petitioners

Through: Petitioners in person with
counsel (name not given)

versus

THE STATE & ANR Respondents

Through: Mr. Raghuvinder Verma, APP
with SI Manoj Kumar, PS
Ashok Vihar, Delhi
Mr. Rishabh Sharma, Adv. for
R-2 with R-2 in person

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDER SHEKHAR

ORDER

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29.08.2019

1. Issue notice.
2. Notice is accepted by the learned APP for the State as well as by the learned counsel for the respondent No.2.
3. The petitioners have filed the present petition under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for quashing of FIR No.318/2017, under Sections 498-A/406/34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('IPC'), registered at P.S.: Ashok Vihar, Delhi and the proceedings emanating therefrom.
4. The petitioners and respondent No.2 as well as the learned counsel for the parties submitted that the parties have settled their

disputes on their own free will, without any force or coercion vide a Memorandum of Understanding dated 10.4.2019, in pursuance whereof, the marriage of the petitioner No.1 and the respondent No.2 stands dissolved vide decree of divorce dated 28.5.2019.

5. Respondent No.2, who is present in Court, has reiterated the aforesaid facts and submitted that the petitioners have to pay the balance amount of Rs.3.5 lacs to her in terms of the settlement arrived at between the parties. Respondent No.2 further submitted that in case the petitioners make the payment of the balance amount of Rs.3.5 lacs to her, she has no objection to the petition being allowed and the FIR being quashed.

6. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners have brought a demand draft bearing No.131244 dated 28.8.2019 for an amount of Rs.3.5 lacs which has been handed over to the respondent No.2 today in the Court. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that in view of the payment of the balance amount to the respondent No.2, the present petition may be allowed and the FIR may be quashed.

7. 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.

8. In view of the aforesaid circumstances and the settlement arrived at between the parties, 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.318/2017, under Sections 498-A/406/34 of the IPC, registered at P.S.: Ashok Vihar, Delhi and the proceedings emanating therefrom are quashed.

9. Petition is disposed of in above terms. Pending application is also disposed of.

CHANDER SHEKHAR, J

AUGUST 29, 2019/rk