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

+ CRL.M.C. 4166/2018

PANKAJ BHAI PANDEY & ORS. Petitioners

Through: Mr. G.P. Singh, Mr. M.R.
Singh and Mr. Yasveer Kumar,
Advts. with the petitioners in
person

versus

THE STATE, NCT OF DELHI & ANR. Respondents

Through: Mr.Panna Lal Sharma, APP
with SI Ashish Sharma, PS
Welcome, Delhi
R-2 in person

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDER SHEKHAR

ORDER

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05.04.2019

1. The petitioners have filed the present petition under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for quashing of FIR No.0306/2016, under Sections 498-A/406/34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('IPC') and Section 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 (DP Act), registered at P.S.: Welcome, North East District, New Delhi and the proceedings emanating therefrom.
2. Respondent No.2 has filed her affidavit as well as her proof of identity on record.
3. 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

Settlement dated 15.7.2017 before the Delhi Mediation Centre, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi, in pursuance whereof, the marriage of the petitioner and the respondent No.2 stands dissolved vide decree of divorce dated 22.3.2018.

4. 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.1.5 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 balance amount of Rs.1.5 lacs to her, she has no objection to the petition being allowed and the FIR being quashed.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners have brought a demand draft bearing No.493096 dated 27.3.2019 for an amount of Rs.1.5 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.

6. 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 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.0306/2016, under Sections 498-A/406/34 of the IPC and Section 4 of the DP Act, registered at P.S.: Welcome, New Delhi and the proceedings emanating therefrom are quashed.

6. Petition is disposed of in above terms.

CHANDER SHEKHAR, J

APRIL 05, 2019/rk