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

+ **CRL.M.C. 424/2020**

ANOOP KUMAR

..... Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sudhir Chaudhary, Advocate

versus

STATE & ANR.

..... Respondents

Through: Ms. Manjeet Arya, APP for State with

Insp. Amit Dutt, P.S. Lajpat Nagar

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ KUMAR OHRI

ORDER

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16.03.2020

1. The present proceedings are instituted seeking quashing of FIR No. 971/2015 under Sections 354(D)/506/509 IPC registered at P.S. Lajpat Nagar, Delhi on the ground of settlement having been arrived at between the parties.
2. As per the case of the prosecution, the present FIR has been registered by respondent No. 2 against the present petitioner who stalked and harassed her for over a month by sending her lewd and abusive messages.
3. Learned APP for the State, on instructions, submits that the charge sheet in the present case has been filed against the present petitioner and respondent No.2 is the only complainant/victim.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the parties have entered into a settlement out of court. In terms of the settlement, respondent No. 2 is now left with no claim whatsoever against the petitioner.
5. The petitioner, who is present in person, is identified by his counsel and the Investigating Officer. Respondent No.2, who is present in person, is also identified by the Investigating Officer. The petitioner has shown

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remorse for his conduct and has undertaken not to repeat the same in future.

6. Respondent No.2 states that she has entered into the settlement with the petitioner out of her own free will, volition and without any undue force, pressure or coercion. She further states that the petitioner has not repeated the same incident and that she has no objection if the present FIR and consequent proceedings are quashed.

7. Learned counsels for the parties submit that no other proceedings are pending between the parties.

8. The parties shall remain bound by their statements made in Court today.

9. In view of the settlement arrived at between the parties voluntarily, in my view, no useful purpose will be served in continuance of the present criminal proceedings. Accordingly, in the interest of justice, aforesaid FIR and the consequent proceedings emanating therefrom are hereby quashed, subject to a composite cost of Rs.20,000/- out of which, Rs.10,000/- to be paid to respondent No.2 by way of a Demand Draft and Rs.10,000/- to be deposited with the '*Delhi High Court Legal Services Committee*' by the petitioner within a period of four weeks from today. Receipt evidencing deposit of costs be filed in the Registry as well as with the Investigating Officer.

10. With the above directions, the petition is disposed of.

11. Order *dasti* to the counsels for the parties.

MANOJ KUMAR OHRI, J

MARCH 16, 2020/na

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