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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 749 OF 2021**

Monish Syamaprasad and ors. ... Applicants

V/s.

State of Maharashtra and anr. ... Respondents

Mr. Chetan Arekar for the Applicants.

Mr. J.P. Yagnik for Respondent No.1/State

Mr. K.C. Tiwari for the Respondent No.2.

**CORAM : NITIN JAMDAR &
N.R. BORKAR, JJ.**

DATE : 3 AUGUST 2022.

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. The present application under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 is filed to quash the First Information Report No.141 of 2018 (hereinafter referred to as "FIR", for short) dated 27 March 2018 registered at MIDC Police Station, Mumbai against the Applicants for the offences punishable under Sections 498-A, 406 and 504 read with 34 of Indian Penal Code and the criminal case bearing No.2692/PW/2018 pending on the file of 22nd Metropolitan Magistrate's Court at Andheri, Mumbai arising out of the said FIR.

2. The aforesaid crime came to be registered at the instance of Respondent No.2, who has alleged that she was subjected to mental and physical cruelty at the hands of her husband and in-laws. The Applicant No.1 is the husband of Respondent No.2. The Applicant

Nos.2 and 3 are mother-in-law and father-in-law of Respondent No.2 respectively.

3. The learned Counsel for the Applicants and the Respondent No.2 jointly submit that the parties have amicably settled the dispute. It is submitted that no purpose would be served by keeping the prosecution alive, in view of the settlement arrived at between the parties. The learned Counsel for the parties submit that the present case is squarely covered by the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of *Gian Singh vs. State of Punjab*¹.

4. Respondent No.2 has filed consent affidavits dated 28 September 2021 and 26 March 2022. Respondent No.2 has stated that she has no objection if the criminal case and the FIR in question are quashed in view of the settlement arrived at between the parties.

5. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of *Gian Singh (supra)* has held :

“But the criminal cases having overwhelmingly and predominatingly civil flavour stand on a different footing for the purposes of quashing, particularly the offences arising from commercial, financial, mercantile, civil, partnership or such like transactions or the offences arising out of matrimony relating to dowry etc. or the family disputes where the wrong is basically private or personal in nature and the parties have resolved their entire dispute. In this category of cases, the High Court may quash the

¹ (2012) 10 SCC 303

criminal proceedings if in its view, because of the compromise between the offender and the victim, the possibility of conviction is remote and bleak and continuation of criminal case would put the accused to great oppression and prejudice and extreme injustice would be caused to him by not quashing the criminal case despite full and complete settlement and compromise with the victim.”

6. We have examined the facts of the present case in the light of law laid down by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in *Gian Singh’s* case. The main reason for filing of the FIR appears to be matrimonial discord. The allegations are totally of personal in nature. In view of the settlement between the parties, Respondent No.2 is not going to support the prosecution case and therefore, possibility of conviction is remote and bleak. Nothing fruitful will therefore come out of the prosecution in question. Apart from it, if the FIR is not quashed, the settlement arrived at between the parties would be disrupted. Considering these facts and circumstances, the petition deserves to be allowed. Hence, the Petition is allowed in terms of prayer clause (a), which reads thus:

“a) Criminal Case bearing number 2692/PW/2018 (Pursuant to C.R. No. 141 of 2018 registered with the MIDC Police station) pending in the 22nd Metropolitan Magistrate’s Court, Andheri, Mumbai be quashed.”

7. Writ Petition is disposed of.

(N.R. BORKAR, J.)

(NITIN JAMDAR, J.)