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

+ **CRL.M.C. 1427/2024**

MANIK SHARMA & ORS.

..... Petitioners

Through: Mr. Akhilesh Kumar Singh, Advocate
alongwith petitioners in person.

versus

THE STATE (GNCT OF DELHI) & ANR.

..... Respondents

Through: Mr. Sunil Kumar Gautam, APP for
the State with SI Vinay, P.S. Laxmi
Nagar.
Mr. Jitender Khullar & Mr. Shahrukh,
Advocates for R-2 alongwith R-2 in
person.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT SHARMA

ORDER

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21.02.2024

CRL.M.A. 5642/2024 (Exemption)

1. Exemption allowed, subject to just exceptions.
2. The application is accordingly disposed of.

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3. The present petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeks quashing of FIR No. 331/2020, under Sections 498A/406/34 of the IPC, registered at P.S. Laxmi Nagar and all other consequential proceedings emanating therefrom, including the chargesheet pending before the Court of Ms. Rishika Srivastava, learned Metropolitan Magistrate, Mahila Court (East), Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
4. The marriage between petitioner no.1/husband and respondent no.2/wife was solemnized on 14.02.2015 as per Hindu rites and ceremonies.



No child was born out of the said wedlock.

5. Due to matrimonial differences between petitioner no. 1 and respondent no. 2, the parties started residing separately from 24.08.2015. Subsequently, respondent no.2/complainant lodged an FIR against petitioner no.1 (husband), petitioner no. 2 (mother-in-law) and petitioner no. 3 (father-in-law).

6. On 21.09.2023, parties arrived at a settlement before Delhi Mediation Centre, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi, pursuant to which respondent no. 2/complainant has no objection to quashing of the present FIR. The copy of the aforesaid settlement dated 21.09.2023 is on record (Annexure P-2).

7. In terms of the said settlement, the marriage between the parties stands dissolved by a decree of divorce dated 20.01.2024, passed by Shri Ravinder Singh-01, Judge, Family Court-02, East, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi (Annexure P-3).

8. Petitioners and complainant/respondent no. 2 are present before the Court and have been duly identified by their respective counsel, as well as the Investigating Officer, SI Vinay, P.S. Laxmi Nagar.

9. The complainant/respondent no.2 states that the matter has been settled with the petitioners and she has no objection if the FIR is quashed. She further states that all the terms of the agreement have been complied with.

10. In view of the settlement between the parties, learned APP for the State also has no objection if the present FIR is quashed.

11. In *Gian Singh v. State of Punjab*, (2012) 10 SCC 303, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has recognized the need of amicable resolution of disputes by observing as under:-



“61. ... In other words, the High Court must consider whether it would be unfair or contrary to the interest of justice to continue with the criminal proceedings or continuation of criminal proceedings would tantamount to abuse of process of law despite settlement and compromise between the victim and the wrongdoer and whether to secure the ends of justice, it is appropriate that criminal case is put to an end and if the answer to the above question(s) is in the affirmative, the High Court shall be well within its jurisdiction to quash the criminal proceeding.”

12. In view of the aforesaid circumstances, and the fact that the parties have put a quietus to the dispute, no useful purpose will be served in continuing with the present FIR No. 331/2020, under Sections 498A/406/34 of the IPC, registered at P.S. Laxmi Nagar and all other consequential proceedings emanating therefrom, including the chargesheet pending before the Court of Ms. Rishika Srivastava, learned Metropolitan Magistrate, Mahila Court (East), Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.

13. In the interest of justice, the petition is allowed, and the FIR No. 331/2020, under Sections 498A/406/34 of the IPC, registered at P.S. Laxmi Nagar and all other consequential proceedings emanating therefrom, including the chargesheet pending before the Court of Ms. Rishika Srivastava, learned Metropolitan Magistrate, Mahila Court (East), Karkardooma Courts, Delhi, is hereby quashed.

14. Petition is allowed and disposed of accordingly.

15. Pending application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

AMIT SHARMA, J

FEBRUARY 21, 2024/bsr