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

+ **CRL.M.C. 1543/2024**

RAHUL & ORS.

..... Petitioners

Through: Mr.Balvinder Ralhan, Mr.Lalit
Kataria and Mr.Aditya Ralhan,
Advs.

versus

STATE THROUGH SHO, P.S- SUBAHSH PLACE & ANR.

..... Respondents

Through: Mr.Shoaib Haider, APP with SI
Srishti
Mr.Raj Kumar Verma, Adv. for
R-2 along with R-2 in person.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN CHAWLA

ORDER

% **26.02.2024**

CRL.M.A. 6026/2024 (Exemption)

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

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2. This petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (in short, 'Cr.P.C.') seeking quashing of FIR No.0378/2022 registered at Police Station: Subhash Place, North-West District, Delhi under Sections 498A/406/34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (in short, 'IPC'), along with all other proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of a settlement.

3. Issue notice.

4. Notice is accepted by Mr.Shoaib Haider, learned APP and Mr.Raj Kumar Verma, learned counsel for the respondent no.2.



5. The learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the subject FIR was an offshoot of the matrimonial discord between the parties, that is, the petitioner no. 1 and the respondent no. 2.
6. The learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the parties, that is, the petitioner no.1 and the respondent no.2, have amicably settled all their *inter se* disputes before a Counselling Cell vide Settlement dated 11.01.2023.
7. Pursuant to the above Settlement, the learned Family Court has granted divorce to the parties by mutual consent vide Decree of Divorce dated 07.10.2023.
8. The learned counsel for the petitioners has handed over a Demand Draft for a sum of Rs.2 lakhs to the respondent no.2, who is present in person and has been duly identified by the Investigating Officer (IO).
9. The respondent no.2 affirms that she has settled all the disputes with the petitioners of her own free will and without any coercion. The respondent no.2 submits that she has no objection if the present FIR is quashed.
10. I have perused the contents of the FIR and also the settlement between the parties.
11. As the disputes between the parties arose out of a matrimonial relationship, and now the same have been amicably settled, a decree of divorce has also been passed by the learned Family Court pursuant to the settlement, and also looking into the nature of the allegations made in the complaint, in my opinion, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the FIR alive. In fact, it would rather create further acrimony



between the parties and will be an unnecessary burden on the State exchequer.

12. Guided by the principles enunciated by the Supreme Court in its judgments in *Jitendra Raghuvanshi v. Babita Raghuvanshi*, (2013) 4 SCC 58; *Gian Singh v. State of Punjab*, (2012) 10 SCC 303; *Parbatbhai Aahir @ Parbatbhai Bhimsinbhai Karmur & Ors. v. State of Gujarat & Ors.*, (2017) 9 SCC 641; and, *State of Haryana & Ors. v. Bhajan Lal & Ors.*, 1992 Supp (1) SCC 335, this Court deems it appropriate, in the interest of justice, to exercise its inherent powers under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C. to quash the FIR and all the proceedings emanating therefrom.

13. Accordingly, the petition is allowed. FIR No.0378/2022 registered at Police Station: Subhash Place, North-West District, Delhi under Sections 498A/406/34 of IPC and all consequential proceedings emanating therefrom against the petitioners are quashed.

NAVIN CHAWLA, J

FEBRUARY 26, 2024/ns/ss

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