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

+ CRL.M.C. 2030/2024

VIKRANT & ORS.

..... Petitioners

Through: Mr. Mukesh Kumar, Mr. Rajnish Kumar Singh, Mr. Hitender Singh and Mr. Madhup K. Tiwari, Advocates with petitioners in person.

versus

STATE OF DELHI & ANR

..... Respondents

Through: Mr. Ashneet Singh, APP for State with SI Abhishek Rana PS Dwarka South and SI Deepak Lathwal PS Narela Industrial Area, Delhi.
Mr. Vishal Tomar, Advocate for respondent No.2 with respondent No.2.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ KUMAR OHRI

ORDER

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13.03.2024

1. The present proceedings are instituted under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking quashing of FIR No. 943/2023 registered under Sections 420/120B/380/34 IPC at Police Station Narela Industrial Area, New Delhi on the ground that the parties have amicably settled their disputes.
2. The allegations in the present FIR relate to the theft committed by the petitioners with an intention to defraud respondent No.2.
3. Mr. Ashneet Singh, learned APP for the State, on instructions, submits that the petitioners are the only accused persons and respondent No.2 is the complainant/victim.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the parties have



amicably settled their disputes vide Compromise-cum-Settlement Deed dated 17.02.2024. It is stated that out of the total settlement amount of Rs.50 lacs, Rs.20 lacs have already been paid and the remaining amount of Rs.30 lacs have been paid today in the Court by way of three cheques of Rs.10 lacs each. The petitioners undertake that the said cheques will be encashed upon presentment. The statement is accepted and taken on record. In terms of the said settlement, complainant is now left with no claim or grievance against the petitioners.

5. Petitioners and respondent No.2, who are present in Court, have been identified by their respective counsel as well as the I.O./ SI Abhishek Rana PS Dwarka South and SI Deepak Lathwal PS Narela Industrial Area, Delhi.

6. Petitioners have shown remorse for their conduct and undertake not to repeat the same in future. Respondent No. 2 also states that she has settled the disputes with the petitioners out of her own free will, volition and without any coercion. She further states that she has no objection if the present FIR and consequent proceedings are quashed.

7. The parties shall remain bound by the statements made in Court today.

8. In Parbatbhai Aahir and Others v. State of Gujarat and Another reported as **(2017) 9 SCC 641**, it has been held as under:-

“16. The broad principles which emerge from the precedents on the subject, may be summarised in the following propositions:

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16.7. As distinguished from serious offences, there may be criminal cases which have an overwhelming or predominant element of a civil dispute. They stand on a distinct footing in so far as the exercise of the inherent power to quash is concerned;



16.8. Criminal cases involving offences which arise from commercial, financial, mercantile, partnership or similar transactions with an essentially civil flavour may in appropriate situations fall for quashing where parties have settled the dispute;

16.9. In such a case, the High Court may quash the criminal proceeding if in view of the compromise between the disputants, the possibility of a conviction is remote and the continuation of a criminal proceeding would cause oppression and prejudice; and... ”

9. Similarly, in State of Madhya Pradesh v. Laxmi Narayan and Others reported as **(2019) 5 SCC 403**, it has been held as under:-

“15. Considering the law on the point and the other decisions of this Court on the point, referred to hereinabove, it is observed and held as under:

15.1. That the power conferred Under Section 482 of the Code to quash the criminal proceedings for the non-compoundable offences Under Section 320 of the Code can be exercised having overwhelmingly and predominantly the civil character, particularly those arising out of commercial transactions or arising out of matrimonial relationship or family disputes and when the parties have resolved the entire dispute amongst themselves;”

10. In view of the above facts and considering that no useful purpose will be served in continuance of the proceedings, it is directed that the aforesaid FIR and the consequent proceedings arising therefrom are hereby quashed, subject to payment of cumulative cost of Rs.50,000/- to be deposited by the petitioners with the Delhi State Legal Services Authority within a period of two weeks from today. The amount so deposited shall be utilized by the Delhi State Legal Services Authority for providing



counselling/psychological support to POCSO victims requiring such assistance.

11. Proof evidencing receipt of deposit shall be filed with the I.O. as well as in Court.

12. A copy of this order be communicated to the Member Secretary, Delhi State Legal Services Authority for intimation.

13. With the above directions, the petition is disposed of alongwith miscellaneous application.

14. In case receipt of cost is not filed within two weeks, the matter be placed before the Court.

MANOJ KUMAR OHRI, J

MARCH 13, 2024/rd