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\* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**  
+ **CRL.M.C. 2761/2022**  
**ARJUN GAUTAM & ORS.**

..... Petitioners

Through: Mr.Pravesh Kumar, Adv. along  
with petitioner present in  
person.

versus

**THE STATE (NCT OF DELHI) & ORS.**

..... Respondents

Through: Mr.Aman Usman, APP.  
SI Arvind Kumar, PS SPL  
Branch Delhi.  
Ms.Neelam, Adv. for R-2 to R-  
6.

**CORAM:**  
**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN CHAWLA**

**ORDER**  
**12.02.2024**

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1. 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. 246/2016 registered at Police Station: Karawal Nagar, North-East, Delhi under Sections 452/323/341/325/308/34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (in short, 'IPC'), along with all other proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of settlement.
2. The petitioners and the respondent nos.2 to 6 are next door neighbours and the disputes arose out of some petty issues between the parties, which led to the filing of the above FIR.
3. The learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the parties have amicably settled their *inter se* disputes and have entered into a



settlement vide Settlement Agreement/Compromise dated 06.08.2016.

4. The respondent nos.2 to 5 are present in person in Court and respondent no.6 is present through VC and has been duly identified by the Investigating Officer (IO), and they affirm the settlement and state that they have settled all the disputes with the petitioners of their own free will and without any coercion. The respondent nos.2 to 6 submit that they have no objection if the present FIR is quashed.

5. I have perused the contents of the FIR and also the settlement between the parties.

6. Keeping in view the fact that parties are neighbours and the respondent nos.2 to 6 do not wish to pursue their complaint any further, as also the Settlement arrived at between the parties, I find that no useful purpose shall be served in continuing with the proceedings of the present FIR as the chances of its success will be rather minuscule and it would create further acrimony between the parties and will be an unnecessary burden on the State exchequer.

7. Guided by the principles enunciated by the Supreme Court in its judgments in *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 3, 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.

8. Accordingly, the petition is allowed. FIR No. 246/2016 registered at Police Station: Karawal Nagar, Delhi under Sections



452/323/341/325/308/34 of IPC and all consequential proceedings emanating therefrom against the petitioners are quashed, subject to the condition that the petitioners shall deposit costs of Rs.30,000/- each with the Delhi State Legal Services Authority within a period of four weeks from today, and file proof of such deposit with the Registry of this Court and also supply a copy thereof to the IO, within the said period.

9. The costs so deposited shall be utilised by the Delhi State Legal Services Authority for providing support to the POCSO Victims requiring such assistance.

**NAVIN CHAWLA, J**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2024/rv/RP**

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