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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **CRL.M.C. 3611/2024**
PRAVEEN SINGH RAWAT AND OTHERS

..... Petitioners

Through: Mr.Kamlesh Uniyal &
Mr.Virender Uniyal, Advs.

versus

STATE GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI AND ANR

..... Respondents

Through: Mr.Satinder Singh Bawa, APP.
SI Satyaveer Singh, PS Dabri.
R-2 in person

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN CHAWLA

ORDER

% **06.05.2024**

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. 272/2023 registered at Police Station: Dabri, New 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.
2. Issue notice.
3. Notice is accepted by Mr.Satinder Singh Bawa, learned APP, and by respondent no.2, who appears in person.
4. 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. He submits that the parties have amicably settled their *inter se* disputes and have entered



into a settlement vide Settlement dated 24.01.2024 before the Mediation Centre, Dwarka Courts, New Delhi.

5. Pursuant to the above-mentioned settlement, the parties have obtained a Decree of Divorce by way of mutual consent on 12.03.2024 from the learned Principal Judge, Family Courts, South-West, New Delhi.

6. The learned counsel for the petitioners has handed over a Demand Draft of the sum of Rs. 4,00,000/- (Rupees Four Lacs only) to the respondent no.2.

7. The respondent no.2, who is present in Court and has been duly identified by the Investigating Officer (IO), reaffirms the above-mentioned settlement and states that she has settled all the disputes with the petitioners out of her own free will and without any coercion. The respondent no.2 submits that she does not wish to pursue the proceedings emanating from the FIR any further and has no objection if the present FIR is quashed.

8. I have perused the contents of the FIR, the Settlement and considered the submissions made.

9. Keeping in view the fact that the disputes between the parties arose out of a matrimonial relationship, and now the same have been amicably settled, 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.

10. 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.

11. Accordingly, the petition is allowed. FIR No. 272/2023 registered at Police Station: Dabri, New Delhi under Sections 498A/406/34 of the IPC, and all consequential proceedings emanating therefrom against the petitioners are quashed.

NAVIN CHAWLA, J

MAY 6, 2024/rv/am

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