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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ CRL.M.C. 5001/2022 & CRL.M.A. 19995/2022
PAL KAUR AND ORS. Petitioners

Through: Mr.Ajay Bansal, Mr.Gaurav
Yadava, Ms.Veena Bansal,
Mr.S.Jindal, Advs.

versus

STATE OF DELHI AND ANR. & ANR. Respondents
Through: Ms.Priyanka Dalal, APP with
IO.
R-2 in person.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN CHAWLA

ORDER

% **13.02.2024**

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.525/2022 registered at Police Station: Rajouri Garden, Delhi, under Sections 376(2)(n)/354D/323/506/509/34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (in short, 'IPC'), along with all other proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of a settlement.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioners submit 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 Compromise/Settlement Deed dated 31.08.2022. As per the terms of the settlement, the parties have decided to start living together peacefully and happily along with their children.



3. The respondent no.2 is present in person in court and has been duly identified by the Investigating Officer (IO). 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.

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

5. As the disputes between the parties arose out of a matrimonial relationship, and now the same have been amicably settled, the parties are now living together peacefully and happily along with their children, 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.

6. 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 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.

7. Accordingly, the petition is allowed. FIR No.525/2022 registered at Police Station: Rajouri Garden, Delhi, under Sections



376(2)(n)/354D/323/506/509/34 of the IPC and all consequential proceedings emanating therefrom against the petitioners are quashed.

8. The pending application is also disposed of.

NAVIN CHAWLA, J

FEBRUARY 13, 2024
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