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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
(39)+ CRL.M.C. 6703/2022 & CRL.M.A. 26088/2022

SMT. MEERA CHAUHAN & ORS. Petitioners

Through: Mr.Sandeep Singh, Adv.

versus

THE STATE NCT OF DELHI & ANR. Respondents

Through: Mr.Shoaib Haider, APP.
SI Atul Prabhakar, PS Sunlight
Colony.
Mr.Vivek Sikarwar, Adv.

(40) CRL.M.C. 6708/2022

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Through: Mr.Vivek Sikarwar, Adv.

versus

STATE & ANR. Respondents

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SI Atul Prabhakar, PS Sunlight
Colony.
Mr.Sandeep Singh, Adv. for R-
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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN CHAWLA

ORDER

% **04.03.2024**

1. These petitions have been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (in short, 'Cr.P.C.') seeking quashing of Cross FIR(s), that is, FIR No. 0435/2017 registered at Police Station: Sunlight Colony, South-East District, Delhi under Sections 323/354/509/506/34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (in short, 'IPC') (in CRL.M.C. 6703/2022); and FIR No. 0436/2017 registered at Police Station: Sunlight Colony, South-East District, Delhi under Sections 323/354/509/34 of the IPC (in CRL.M.C. 6708/2022), along



with all other proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of a settlement.

2. The petitioners and the respondent no.2 in these petitions are family members and the disputes arose out of some petty issues between the parties, which led to the filing of the abovementioned Cross-FIR(s).

3. The learned counsels for the parties submit that the parties have amicably settled their *inter se* disputes and have entered into a settlement, executing Memorandum of Compromise dated 25.08.2022.

4. The respondent no.2 in both the petitions are present in person in Court and have 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 in the respective petitions out of their own free will and without any coercion. The respondent no.2 in their respective petitions submit that they have no objection if the present FIRs are quashed.

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

6. Keeping in view the fact that the complainant/respondent no.2 and petitioners in their respective petitions are family members and they do not wish to pursue their complaint(s) 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 above mentioned Cross-FIRs as the chances of their 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 abovementioned Cross-FIRs and all the proceedings emanating therefrom.

8. Accordingly the petitions are allowed. FIR No. 0435/2017 registered at Police Station: Sunlight Colony, South-East District, Delhi under Sections 323/354/509/506/34 of the IPC and FIR No. 0436/2017 registered at Police Station: Sunlight Colony, South-East District, Delhi under Sections 323/354/509/34 of the IPC, and all consequential proceedings emanating therefrom against the petitioners are quashed, subject to the condition that the petitioners in each of the petitions shall deposit costs of Rs.50,000/- jointly or severally 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 Acid Attack Victims requiring such assistance.

NAVIN CHAWLA, J

MARCH 4, 2024/rv/ss

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