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

+ CRL.M.C. 6753/2022

SURESH VERMA AND ORS

..... Petitioners

Through: Ms.Nishtha Sharma and
Mr.Satish Kumar, Advs. along
with petitioners in person.

versus

THE STATE AND ANR

..... Respondents

Through: Mr.Shoaib Haider, APP with
Insp. Kuldeep Singh
Mr.Anurag Dhingla, Adv. along
with R-2 in person.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN CHAWLA

ORDER

% **07.02.2024**

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. 157/2013 registered at Police Station: Uttam Nagar, West District, Delhi under Sections 323/354/506/452/427/34 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 no.2 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 before the Mediation Centre, Dwarka Courts, New Delhi vide Mediation Settlement dated 26.02.2020 before the Mediation Centre, Dwarka Courts, New Delhi.

4. The respondent no.2, who is personally present in Court and has been duly identified by the Investigating Officer (IO), reaffirms the settlement and states that he has settled all the disputes with the petitioners of his own free will and without any coercion. The respondent no.2 submits that he has 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 no.2 does not wish to pursue his 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 rather 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. 157/2013 registered at Police Station: Uttam Nagar, West District, Delhi under Sections 323/354/506/452/427/34 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.40,000/- jointly or severally with the Delhi State Legal Services Authority within a period of two 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 counselling/psychological support to the POCSO Victims requiring such assistance.

10. The petition is disposed of in the above terms.

NAVIN CHAWLA, J

FEBRUARY 7, 2024/ns

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