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

+ CRL.M.C. 8852/2024

SUNIL KUMAR & ORS.Petitioners

Through: Mr. Nitin Sharma, Advocate

versus

STATE GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI AND ANR.Respondents

Through: Mr. Satish Kumar, APP for the State
Mr. Prakhar Dixit, Mr. Samuel
Mashih and Mr. Pramod Kumar
Yadav, Advocates

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA DHARI SINGH

ORDER

13.11.2024

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1. The instant petition under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (hereinafter “BNSS”) (earlier Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (hereinafter “Cr.P.C.”) has been filed by the petitioners praying for quashing of FIR bearing No. 493/2021 registered at Police Station - Neb Sarai, New Delhi for offences punishable under Sections 498A/406/34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (hereinafter “IPC”).
2. The brief facts of the case are that the marriage between the son of petitioner no. 3 and respondent no.2 got solemnized on 5th December, 2014 at Delhi according to Hindu rites and ceremonies but due to some temperamental differences between them, they started living separately since 2020. One child was born out of their wedlock.
3. Despite several efforts of reconciliation, the parties could not settle the differences. The respondent no.2 submitted a complaint with the CAW Cell, Saket, New Delhi on 15th September, 2020 which led to the



registration of the aforesaid FIR against the petitioners.

4. With the intervention of family members and relatives, the parties entered into settlement vide Settlement Agreement dated 10th May, 2024. The terms and conditions of the said settlement are mentioned in the Settlement Agreement which is annexed as Annexure P-3 to the petition.

5. It is submitted that respondent no.2 has settled all her claims in respect of her dowry articles, stridhan, marriage expenses, jewellery, gift items and claims of past, present and future maintenance with the petitioner for a sum of Rs. 14,00,000/- and all disputes of any nature whatsoever, out of which the remaining amount of Rs.5,00,000/- was agreed to be paid at the time of quashing of the FIR. It is submitted that the respondent no. 2 has already received a sum of Rs. 9,00,000/- as per the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

6. The petitioners have handed over a Demand Draft for the balance amount of Rs.5,00,000/- dated 27th September, 2024 in the name of respondent no.2 today in the Court. The respondent no.2 has verified the particulars of the Demand Draft to her satisfaction and stated them to be correct.

7. The petitioners are present before this Court and have been identified by their counsel, Mr. Nitin Sharma, Advocate and Investigating Officer, Police Station - Neb Sarai, New Delhi. The respondent no. 2 is also present in the Court and has been identified by her counsel, Mr. Prakhar Dixit and the Investigating Officer.

8. On the query made by this Court, respondent no.2 has categorically stated that she has entered into compromise on her own free will and without any pressure. It is also stated by respondent no.2 that the entire



dispute has been amicably settled between the parties. The parties also undertook that they shall abide by the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement arrived at between the parties.

9. It is prayed that the instant FIR be quashed on the basis of Settlement Agreement dated 10th May, 2024 and as per the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court passed in ***Gian Singh vs. State of Punjab***, (2012) 10 SCC 303 and ***Parbathbhai Aahir @ Parbathbai vs. State of Gujarat***, (2017) 9 SCC 641.

10. Learned APP for the State submitted that there is no opposition to the prayer made on behalf of the petitioners seeking quashing of the FIR in question in view of the settlement arrived at between the parties.

11. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

12. The instant criminal proceedings in respect of non-compoundable offences are private in nature and do not have a serious impact on the society especially when there is a settlement/compromise between victim and accused. In such cases, it is settled law that High Court is also required to consider the conduct and antecedents of the accused in order to ascertain that the settlement has been entered into by her own free will and has not been imposed upon her by the petitioner or any person related to him. In the present case, the complainant is present in Court and has categorically stated that she has entered into compromise and settled the entire disputes amicably with the petitioners by her own free will without any pressure or coercion. There is also no allegation from respondent no.2 that the conduct and antecedents of petitioners have been bad towards her after the compromise.

13. In the case of ***State of Madhya Pradesh vs. Laxmi Narayan and***



Ors., (2019) 5 SCC 688, the Hon'ble Supreme Court held that the powers conferred under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C, can be exercised by the Courts to quash the criminal proceedings featuring non-compoundable offences, when the matter arises out of matrimonial or family disputes. Moreover, it is pertinent to satisfy the Court that the said non-compoundable offences are private in nature and does not have a serious impact on the society.

14. Furthermore, it was observed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of ***Ramgopal and Ors. Vs. The State of Madhya Pradesh, 2021 INSC 568***, that the extraordinary power enjoined upon the High Courts under Section 482 of Cr.P.C. can be invoked even when such a case falls within the ambit of non-compoundable offences given that the Court must be satisfied that the nature of the offence does not impact the conscious of the society and that the compromise between the parties is voluntary and amicable.

15. In the instant case, as stated above, the parties have reached on the compromise and amicably settled the entire disputes without any pressure.

16. In view of the settlement arrived at between the parties and the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the present petition is allowed. Accordingly, FIR bearing No. 493/2021 registered at Police Station Neb Sarai, New Delhi for offences punishable under Sections 498A/406/34 of the IPC and all consequential proceedings emanating therefrom are quashed.

17. The instant petition alongwith pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

CHANDRA DHARI SINGH, J

NOVEMBER 13, 2024/gs/mk

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