

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO.313 OF 2025

Ravindra Ramchandra Nangare,]
R/o. Rajendra Nagar, Kolhapur] .. Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Maharashtra,]
Through Navghar Police Station, Mumbai]
2. XYZ (Complainant),]
Through Navghar Police Station, Mumbai] .. Respondents

Mr. Nihal M. Mansuri, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. J.P. Yagnik, Additional Public Prosecutor for Respondent No.1.

Mr. Amit Ichan, Advocate for Respondent No.2.

**CORAM : SHREE CHANDRASHEKHAR, CJ. &
GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.**

DATE : 28TH NOVEMBER 2025.

PER, GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.

The present Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India and section 528 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking following relief:

“(b) This Hon’ble Court be pleased to issue appropriate writ, order and/or direction and quash and set aside the FIR bearing C.R. No.34/2014 registered with Navghar Police Station, Mumbai and charge-sheet in Sessions Case No.482/2016 for the offences punishable under sections 498-A, 377, 406, 313, 506, 323 r/w. 34 of the Indian Penal Code against the present petitioner.”

2. The petitioner and the respondent no.2 are married to each other. Due to marital discord, an FIR was lodged at the instance of the respondent no.2 at Navaghar police station on 24th February 2014. Pursuant to the investigation, a charge-sheet has been filed. The parties now have settled their differences amicably.

3. Mr. Ichan, the learned counsel for the respondent no.2 has tendered an affidavit dated 10th October 2025 across the bar

which records that the respondent no.2 has settled her differences with the petitioner and has no objection to quashing of the said FIR. The affidavit is taken on record and attached at appropriate place. The parties are present in the Court and identified by their respective counsel. The parties have affixed their signatures and recorded their appearance in their own handwriting on blank sheet of paper. The appearance of the parties shall form part of the record.

4. It is settled law, as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in "*Jitendra Raghuvanshi v. Babita Raghuvanshi*" (2013) 4 SCC 58, that the Court is empowered to quash the criminal proceedings to prevent the abuse of process of law, particularly in matrimonial disputes wherein the law is inclined at reconciliation rather than punishment in light of a complainant no longer supporting their complaint. Therefore, continuation of any criminal proceedings thereafter would serve no fruitful purpose. **Writ Petition No.313 of 2025 is allowed in terms of prayer clause (b).**

[GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.]

[CHIEF JUSTICE]